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To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the JOINT  
COMMITTEE for the UNITED SANITARY  
DISTRICTS of EAST BERKS.

**Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I have the honour to present the forty-eighth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the East Berks United Sanitary Districts.

The population of the area again increased by 6,280 since the corresponding period last year, Easthampstead Rural District (including Bracknell New Town) increasing by 3,110, Wokingham Rural by 1,200, Maidenhead Borough by 970, Windsor Rural by 420, Cookham Rural by 330 and Wokingham Borough by 250.

Live births in the area as a whole increased by 311, the corresponding increase in deaths being only 80. There were 4 fewer still births. Infant deaths increased by 8, but, even so, the Infant Death Rate for the whole area is only 17.5 per 1,000 live births.

Deaths from respiratory tuberculosis increased by 1, giving the very low Respiratory Tuberculosis Death Rate of 0.07.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

#### WHOOPING COUGH.

Sixty-three cases were notified compared with 305 in 1957. This is undoubtedly due to the immunisation campaign.

#### SCARLET FEVER.

One hundred and fourteen cases were notified, chiefly in the New Town of Bracknell. In this area the disease started towards the end of October and by the end of the year it had assumed the proportions of a small epidemic. The cases were mild, lasting only a day or two, and in many of them the rash was fleeting. Two factors have contributed to its spread. First, the fact that some cases have been so mild that they were allowed back to school without consulting a doctor. Second, a number of the mothers go out to work, and I suspect that children are sometimes allowed to go to school when not quite fit.

#### POLIOMYELITIS.

Ten cases of paralytic and 7 cases of non-paralytic poliomyelitis were notified.

#### FOOD POISONING.

Twenty-three cases were notified compared with 9 in 1957. They were all mild cases.

#### DYSENTERY.

Two hundred and forty-eight cases were notified. An epidemic started in a Maidenhead school in October, and by the time we were first notified, it had quite a good hold. Almost at the same time a small epidemic started in Cookham. All doctors were asked to notify to me every case of diarrhoea they were called upon to treat, and all Head Teachers were asked to inform me of all children off with "tummy upsets." Every case was visited by the Public Health Inspectors and samples taken. About half the cases proved to be positive to shigella sonnei. Many of the faecal samples showed the fatty acid crystals so common in epidemic nausea. Cases were still being notified at the end of the year.

Two smaller epidemics occurred in mental institutions in the Easthampstead Rural District. In the first, the cases were treated with tetracycline. In the other, succinyl sulphathiazole was used—with equally good results at much less cost.

# VITAL STATISTICS — 1957/1958.

District.	Population.		Live Births.		Still Births.		Deaths.		Infant Deaths.		Respiratory Tuberculosis Deaths.		Non-respiratory Tuberculosis Deaths.	
	1958.	1957.	1958.	1957.	1958.	1957.	1958.	1957.	1958.	1957.	1958.	1957.	1958.	1957.
Maidenhead Borough ...	31,360	30,390	620	568	7	10	400	366	10	12	5	0	1	0
Wokingham Borough ...	10,210	9,960	168	164	3	3	167	122	4	1	2	1	1	0
Cookham Rural ...	15,970	15,640	297	305	5	6	136	141	5	5	1	1	1	0
Easthampstead Rural ...	37,830	34,720	840	643	7	12	320	298	16	7	2	1	0	0
Windsor Rural ...	15,020	14,600	303	313	5	3	181	177	3	6	0	1	0	0
Wokingham Rural ...	45,570	44,370	746	670	14	11	402	422	14	13	3	6	0	0
	155,960	149,680	2,974	2,663	41	45	1,606	1,526	52	44	13	10	3	0

The Wilderness,  
Cookham Road,  
Maidenhead.  
Tel.: Maidenhead 549.  
July, 1958.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. B. MOORE,

Medical Officer of Health.

# Maidenhead Municipal Borough.

## STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	5,007
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at 31st March, 1959	...	...	...	...	...	9,988
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1959	...	...	...	...	...	£517,386
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£2,160
Population (estimated mid-year)	...	...	...	...	...	31,360

### Live Births:

		M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate	...	308	280	588
Illegitimate	...	12	20	32
Total	...	320	300	620

Live Birth Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population) ... 19.77

Live Birth Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population) ... 18.78

### Still Births:

	M.	F.	Total.
	4	3	7

Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births) ... 11.16

Total Live and Still Births ... 627

### Infant Deaths :

		M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate	...	6	4	10
Illegitimate	...	0	0	0
Total	...	6	4	10

### Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)

Legitimate	...	...	...	...	17.00
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	0.00
Total	...	...	...	...	16.13

Neo Natal Death Rate (per 1,000 live births) ... 16.13

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births ... 5.17

Maternal Deaths ... Nil

Maternal Death Rate (per 1,000 live and still births) ... Nil

### Deaths (all causes):

	M.	F.	Total.
	178	222	400

Death Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population) ... 12.75

Death Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population) ... 11.35



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## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis).

Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	148
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Acute Poliomyelitis:							
(a) Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) Non-Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

## NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS (and ages).

Age Groups.				Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	...	...	...	—	—	1	1
5-14 years	...	...	...	1	—	—	—
15-24	„	...	...	4	2	—	—
25-44	„	...	...	1	6	1	—
45-64	„	...	...	11	3	—	—
65 and over	...	...	...	1	1	—	—
TOTALS				18	12	2	1

## DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population).

Tuberculosis: (a) Respiratory	...	...	...	...	0.16
(b) Other Forms	...	...	...	...	0.03
(c) All Forms	...	...	...	...	0.19
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	0.00
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	0.00
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0.00
Influenza	...	...	...	...	0.12
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	0.00
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	0.60
Measles	...	...	...	...	0.03



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## IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis during the year is as follows:—

Diphtheria—Primary injections	...	...	...	561
Re-inforcing injections	...	...	...	440
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	514
Poliomyelitis (two injections)	...	...	...	5,812

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN MAIDENHEAD BOROUGH, 1958.

Causes of Death.					Male	Female
All Causes.					178	222
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	3	2
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	1	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	1	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	—	—
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	1	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	—	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	5	7
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	7	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	—	9
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	—	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	10	16
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	1	1
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	—	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	21	65
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	32	16
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	—	1
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	24	47
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	4	7
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	1	3
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	12	7
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	23	7
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	2	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	3	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	—	—
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	4	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	2	3
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	10	20
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	3	—
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	3	3
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	5	3
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	—	—

## BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

The average daily dry weather flow at the Sewage Disposal Works has now reached about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  million gallons, exceeding the design capacity of the works as extended in 1957 by about 35%.

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The Council has therefore sought and obtained the approval of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to proceed with further extensions of the works involving the construction of:—

- 2 mechanically scraped sedimentation tanks.
- 4 percolating filters.
- 1 re-circulation pumping station.
- 2 mechanically scraped humus tanks.

which will increase the design capacity to 1,900,000 gallons per day d.w.f.

Tenders for the work will shortly be invited and it is hoped construction will begin early in 1960.

These extensions will make provision for the reception of the drainage from Bray which will shortly be sewered by the Cookham Rural District Council.

Odour from the Sewage Disposal Works has again given rise to complaints from residents in the nearby built-up areas.

The Council has reviewed the whole question of the location of the Works and the possibilities of eliminating the odour trouble. They have decided that it is not practicable to move the whole works but they have asked for a report on the possibility of transferring the Sludge Disposal Plant to a more remote area. Meanwhile, to effect as much relief as possible until this transfer can be effected they have extended the Osmix diffusing plant to cover a wider front.

**MAIN DRAINAGE.**

The Council is concerned that some areas of the Borough are still not provided with sewers. The Contract for constructing these sewers was curtailed during the early years of the last war and it has not hitherto appeared expedient to revive this scheme.

Instructions have now been given for a detailed report and estimate to be prepared for this work and this will be undertaken so soon as the necessary additional engineering staff can be recruited.

The existing sewers in the Borough continue to carry their greatly increased load without causing any trouble.

**CLEANSING SERVICES.**

Thanks largely to an effective bonus system the house refuse collection service continues to operate efficiently.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on low land intended ultimately to be used as playing fields.

Some difficulty in obtaining labour for the tip still persists.

C. T. READ,  
Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

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## REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Complaints received and given attention	...	...	...	592
Dairies and Milk Distributors' premises	...	...	...	122
Pasteurising Plants	...	...	...	28
Milk Delivery Vehicles	...	...	...	48
Food Premises:				
Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	...	50
Butchers	...	...	...	74
Canteens and Catering Establishments	...	...	...	51
Confectioners (Sweets)	...	...	...	65
Cooked Meats and Delicatessen	...	...	...	23
Department Store	...	...	...	13
Fish Shops	...	...	...	24
Fruiterers and Greengrocers	...	...	...	48
Grocers and Provision Merchants including General Stores	...	...	...	261
Hotels and Licensed Premises	...	...	...	55
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	186
Restaurants and Cafes	...	...	...	44
Supermarkets	...	...	...	39
Other Food Premises	...	...	...	36
Food Hygiene	...	...	...	774
Meat Transport Vehicles	...	...	...	48
Stalls and other Vehicles	...	...	...	29
Food Inspection	...	...	...	178
Water Supplies	...	...	...	162
Hairdressers' and Barbers' Premises	...	...	...	10
Housing	...	...	...	1,193
Insect Pests	...	...	...	52
Shed Dwellings	...	...	...	1
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	3,965
Common Lodging House	...	...	...	6
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	673
Clean Air	...	...	...	46
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	3
Factories with Mechanical Power	...	...	...	345
Factories without Mechanical Power	...	...	...	27
Building Operations	...	...	...	11
Shops Act (including hours of closing and Sunday trading)	...	...	...	1,039
Cinemas	...	...	...	1
Rag Flock and Filling Material	...	...	...	7
Noise	...	...	...	42
Pig Sties and Poultry Runs	...	...	...	44
Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order	...	...	...	11
Pet Shops	...	...	...	28
Drainage Inspections	...	...	...	807



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Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115
Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Refuse Tips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Streams	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Other Visits and Re-visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	987
Land Charges Enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,013

## NOTICES.

Number of informal notices served during the year	...	208
Number of informal notices outstanding from 1957	...	22
Number of informal notices complied with during the year	...	190
Number of informal notices outstanding at the end of the year	...	40
Number of formal notices served during the year	...	10
Number of formal notices outstanding from 1957	...	Nil.
Number of formal notices complied with during the year	...	9
Number of formal notices outstanding at the end of the year	...	1

## HOUSING.

The re-housing of the families occupying the 52 back-to-back houses in the Garden Cottages Clearance Area has been completed. The houses have been demolished and the site cleared.

The Maidenhead (Bridge Road, Waldeck Road and Reform Road) Compulsory Purchase Order has been confirmed without modification by the Minister of Housing and Local Government, but the acquisition of all the property had not been completed by the end of the year. Consequently little progress has been made with the re-housing of the persons to be displaced.

The following two areas have been declared Clearance Areas.

Garden Cottages Clearance Area No. 1, 1958—12 houses.

Garden Cottages Clearance Area No. 2, 1958—12 houses.

A Clearance Order was made but this had not been confirmed by the Minister by the end of the year.

Action was taken in respect of 9 individual unfit houses, which were not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit for human habitation. An undertaking was given by the owner of one house that it would be rendered fit, 2 houses were the subject of Closing Orders and 6 Demolition Orders were made.

## RENT ACT.

Only a moderate number of applications for certificates of disrepair were received, but much time was spent giving information in response to enquiries regarding the Rent Act, 1957.



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	During 1958	Total to date
Applications for certificates of disrepair received	31	51
Decisions to issue certificates ... ..	33	51
Undertakings given by landlords ... ..	13	19
Certificates of disrepair issued ... ..	23	30
Certificates of disrepair cancelled ... ..	3	3

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Apart from a reduction of two in the number of individually licensed caravans in the Borough there has been no material change in the total number of caravans in use during the year.

So far as is known, Maidenhead was the first local authority in the country to provide municipal caravan sites for residential use. Tenants are chosen selectively from a waiting list of applicants, priority being given to applicants with local employment and residential qualifications.

The advantages in having the bulk of the caravan population centralised on sites provided with proper facilities such as main water supply, water closets, and main drainage, electricity, roads and such like are obvious. Adequate supervision and control is also greatly facilitated.

There is no doubt that Council policy in providing these sites and extending them as the need increased has been instrumental in avoiding the indiscriminate parking of caravans on unlicensed sites in the Borough with all the associated problems which are liable to arise in connection therewith.

The number of individually licensed caravans showed a reduction of two over the corresponding date last year, but numbers fluctuate to some extent during the year. The majority of individually licensed caravans are either stationed on building plots on which licensees are building permanent accommodation or on sites where the licensee acts as caretaker for plant or materials on the site.

Since their inception, the management and letting of the municipal caravan sites has rested with the Health Committee. Arising out of discussions between the Health and Housing Committees however, the Council has decided that the management and letting of the municipal caravan sites should be transferred to the Housing Committee and Borough Treasurer's Department but that the Health Committee and Health Department should continue to exercise general public health supervision. These new arrangements came into operation at the end of the year.

The following table indicates the number and distribution of moveable dwellings in the Borough.

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	31st December, 1958.	31st December, 1957.
	No. of Caravans.	No. of Caravans.
<b>Council Sites</b>		
Tyrrells Buildings	1	1
Blenheim Road ...	18	18
Brownfield Gardens	83	83
<b>One Private Site</b>	5	5
<b>Individual Caravans</b>	12	14
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>121</b>

## COMMON LODGING HOUSE.

The Common Lodging House in West Street, which was first recorded as being used for this purpose in 1892 was closed in February.

## WATER SUPPLIES.

Thirteen samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination and ten samples for chemical analysis, all of which were satisfactory.

Chemical	Bacteriological	Source
2	3	Maidenhead Water works Pumping Station.
5	7	Mains supply at other premises.
3	3	Other sources, Private wells.
10	13	Total

## SWIMMING POOL.

Four samples of water from the Council's swimming pool, where the water undergoes continuous filtration and chlorination, were submitted for bacteriological examination. All of the samples were satisfactory.

## FOOD HYGIENE.

The Public Health Inspectors keep in close contact with food handlers during routine visits to food premises and continue in their efforts to publicise the principles of food hygiene.

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Educational work has also been continued in other spheres by lecturing to youth organisations, and in the schools the teachers have co-operated fully in drawing attention to the importance of hand-washing.

REGISTERED FOOD PREMISES.

Number of Registered Premises:

(a)	For manufacture of Ice Cream ... ..	2
(b)	For storage and sale of Ice Cream ... ..	101
(c)	Preparation or manufacture of sausages or pot- ted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale ... ..	23

General standards in registered premises continue to improve and as has already been mentioned every opportunity is taken during the course of routine inspections to educate food handlers in hygiene methods.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF ICE CREAM SAMPLES

Routine sampling was undertaken during the year at eighty-one premises in the Borough where ice cream is sold.

The following table indicates the Public Health Laboratory Service grading of the samples.

Public Health Laboratory Service Gradings				Percentage of total samples falling into Grades 1 & 2
Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	
71	8	2	NIL	97.5%

The two Grade 3 samples were taken from frozen food cabinets where they had been in storage for a prolonged period and almost certainly at continuously fluctuating temperatures. Both were considered to be unsatisfactory and the retailers concerned voluntarily withdrew from sale their small remaining stocks and further check samples from replacement stock were placed in Provisional Grade 1.



## MILK AND DAIRIES.

## Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949:

No. of Premises used as Dairies ...	...	...	...	1
No. of Distributors of Milk ...	...	...	...	31

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations  
1949 to 1954:

Dealers' Licences—Tuberculin Tested Milk ...	...	19
Supplementary Licences—Tuberculin Tested Milk ...	...	2

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised  
Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1953:

Dealers' Pasteurisers Licences ...	...	...	...	1
Dealers' Licences—Pasteurised Milk ...	...	...	...	18
Supplementary Licences—Pasteurised Milk ...	...	...	...	2
Dealers' Licences—Sterilised Milk ...	...	...	...	14
Supplementary Licences—Sterilised Milk ...	...	...	...	3



# BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK SAMPLES.

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Designation of Milk	Total Samples Submitted	Methylene Blue Test		Phosphatase Test		Turbidity Test		
		Passed	Failed	Test Void	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed
Tuberculin Tested Milk (Pasteurised) (Excluding School Milk) ... ..	55	55	-	-	55	-	-	-
Tuberculin Tested Milk (Pasteurised) (School Milk) ... ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pasteurised Milk (Excluding School Milk) ... ..	33	32	-	1	33	-	-	-
Pasteurised Milk (School Milk) ...	29	29	-	-	29	-	-	-
Sterilised Milk ... ..	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	-

## FOOD INSPECTION AND UNSOUND FOOD.

The following table gives the amount of foodstuffs condemned and disposed of as unfit for human consumption.

Apple Pulp	...	...	...	...	416 lbs.
Apricot Pulp	...	...	...	...	876 lbs.
Bacon	...	...	...	...	29 lbs.
Cheese	...	...	...	...	15 lbs.
Chicken	...	...	...	...	6 lbs.
Fish	...	...	...	...	84 lbs.
Ox Kidneys	...	...	...	...	13 lbs.
Pork, English	...	...	...	...	84 lbs.
Potatoes	...	...	...	...	1430 lbs.
Rabbit Meat	...	...	...	...	56 lbs.
Sausages	...	...	...	...	14 lbs.
Veal	...	...	...	...	24 lbs.
Various Foods	...	...	...	...	664 tins
Various Foods	...	...	...	...	1109 pkt.
Various Foods	...	...	...	...	11 jars

Unsound food is disposed of at the Council's refuse tip.

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## FOOD AND DRUGS.

One hundred and six samples of food and drugs were procured during the year, details of which are given in the following table:—

Article	FORMAL		INFORMAL	
	Number of Samples	Number Adulterated	Number of Samples	Number Adulterated
Almond Essence ... ..	1	—	—	—
Beef Suet ... ..	1	—	—	—
Blackcurrant Syrup ... ..	1	—	—	—
Brandy ... ..	1	—	—	—
Butter ... ..	1	—	—	—
Butter Mints ... ..	1	1	—	—
Buttered Cheese Spread ...	1	—	—	—
Chewing Gum ... ..	—	—	1	—
Coffee & Chicory Essence	1	—	—	—
Cream ... ..	2	—	1	—
Cream of Tartar ... ..	1	—	—	—
Curry Powder ... ..	1	—	—	—
Custard Powder ... ..	1	—	—	—
Fish Cakes ... ..	1	—	—	—
Flour ... ..	1	—	—	—
Gelatine ... ..	1	—	—	—
Glycerine, Lemon & Ipec.	—	—	1	1
Gravy Powder ... ..	—	—	1	—
Ground Nutmeg ... ..	1	—	—	—
Ground White Pepper ...	1	—	1	—
Ice Cream ... ..	1	—	—	—
Lard ... ..	1	—	—	—
Lemon Curd ... ..	1	—	—	—
Lemon Juice ... ..	1	—	—	—
Malt Vinegar ... ..	—	—	1	—
Meat Paste ... ..	1	—	—	—
Meringue Powder ... ..	—	—	1	—
Milk ... ..	41	—	1	1
Milk (Channel Island Qty.)	22	—	—	—
Orange Curd ... ..	1	—	—	—
Orange Drink ... ..	—	—	1	—
Pineapple (Tinned) ... ..	1	—	—	—
Piping Jelly ... ..	—	—	1	—
Soft Drink Powder ... ..	1	—	—	—
Strawberry Jam ... ..	1	—	—	—
Tea ... ..	1	—	—	—
Tomato Sauce ... ..	1	—	1	—
Whisky ... ..	3	—	—	—
	95	1	11	2

The sample of Butter Mints reported as being adulterated was stated by the Public Analyst to contain 1.9% fat, which was not butter fat.. Proceedings were instituted under Section 2 (i)

and Section 6 (i) (a), respectively of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. At the hearing the vendor pleaded guilty to both charges and a fine of £5 was imposed in each case.

The informal sample of Glycerine, Lemon and Ipec. was reported as being incorrectly labelled, but the infringement was held to be of an insignificant character. The manufacturers were given notice of the matter and requested to alter their label.

The sample of milk reported as being adulterated was 23% deficient in fat and was taken informally from a churn of milk forming part of a large consignment. Further samples were taken the following day and the reports on these samples indicated that the standard of the consignment, taken as a whole, was satisfactory.

### DISPOSAL OF TRADE WASTE IN WATER.

In my Report for 1953 I referred to the serious nuisance which had arisen from the tipping of trade refuse into worked out gravel pits and outlined the measures which had been taken to deal with the immediate nuisance and the control measures which, it was hoped, would reduce or eliminate further grounds for complaint.

A year later I was able to report satisfactory progress with the work of infilling the lagoons without further complaint.

The wet and dry tipping of trade waste has proceeded continuously since August 1953 and I am now happy to report that the operation was completed by the end of the year under review. The whole programme has been carried through under close supervision and, apart from the initial period of nuisance, there has only been one short period of about ten days when conditions deteriorated sufficiently to justify complaint. These conditions arose from premature tipping of waste into a new lagoon contrary to instructions.

The approximate surface area of the water was  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres, and average depth 12 feet. The waste has been tipped in two layers, the first to just above average water level and the second to about 12 feet above average water level.

### DISINFECTION.

The steam disinfection of bedding and clothing is undertaken at Maidenhead Isolation Hospital by arrangement with the Windsor group Hospital Management Committee.

Disinfection of 9 rooms was carried out by the Health Department staff.



## Maidenhead Municipal Borough

## DISINFESTATION.

Verminous Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Verminous Articles	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Insect Pests	...	...	...	...	...	...	73

## RODENT CONTROL.

This work is now carried out by a whole-time Rodent Officer, who has also been responsible for initiating and extending a contract service for business premises.

This service, commenced the previous year, now includes 56 premises of all types.

The level of infestation remains low, but as both rats and mice are generally distributed, continual survey and treatment remain necessary.

Details of the work carried out during the year are submitted below:—

Premises visited on complaint	...	217
Premises visited on survey	...	2334
Number of treatments carried out		469

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT.

The bodies of two persons were buried in accordance with the provisions of Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

## DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER.

Duties under The Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957, made under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, have been delegated to the Borough Council by the Berkshire County Council.

Two persons who operate plant and equipment for the boiling of waste foods for feeding to pigs are licensed under the Order.

No contravention has been discovered.

## RAG FLOCK.

Three premises are registered under Section 2 of the Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951, all of which are small factories in which upholstered furniture is made.

On inspection these premises have been found to be in a clean and satisfactory condition.

A formal sample of washed Flock was taken at one of these premises, and the sample was found on analysis to be of a satisfactory standard.

## ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

## 1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	(1)	20	27	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	(2)	186	345	14	—
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	(3)	7	11	—	—
TOTAL ... ..		213	383	14	—

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				Numbers of cases in which prosec't'ns were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. Insp'tr. (5)	By H.M. Insp'tr. (6)	
Want of Cleanliness ...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ... ..	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ... ..	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage to floors ... ..	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ... ..	10	10	10	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ... ..	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Home-work ... ..	12	4	4	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	60	14	14	—	2	—

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PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of Out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (3)	No. of Cases of Default in sending list to the Council (4)	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply list (5)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (6)	Notices served (7)	Prosecutions (8)
Wearing apparel:							
Making etc. ...	13	25	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	70	25	—	—	—	—	—

INADEQUATE MEANS OF ESCAPE IN CASE OF FIRE.

Discovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

STAFF.

The vacancy which arose last year for an Additional Public Health Inspector was not filled. After repeated advertising for a Student Public Health Inspector as an alternative appointment to Additional Public Health Inspector, an applicant with the required preliminary educational qualifications was appointed.

I wish to record again my appreciation to all members of the staff for their continued loyalty and support.

F. G. BISHOP,

Chief Public Health Inspecor.

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### STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	3,404
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at 31st March, 1959	...	...	...	...	...	3,168
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1959	...	...	...	...	...	£144,757
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£600
Population (estimated at mid-year)	...	...	...	...	...	10,210
Live Births						
			M.	F.		Total
Legitimate	...		95	67		162
Illegitimate	...		2	4		6
Total	...	...	97	71		168
Live Birth Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population)	...					16.45
Live Birth Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population)	...					17.44
Still Births						
			M.	F.		Total
			2	1		3
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	...					17.54
Total Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...		171
Infant Deaths						
			M.	F.		Total
Legitimate	...		4	0		4
Illegitimate	...		0	0		0
Total	...	...	4	0		4
Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)	Legitimate	...				24.69
	Illegitimate					0.00
	Total	...				23.81
Neo Natal Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)	...					23.81
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births						3.57
Maternal Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Maternal Death Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)						Nil.
Deaths (all causes)						
			M.	F.		Total
			85	82		167
Death Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population)	...					16.36
Death Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population)	...					10.14



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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis)

Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Poliomyelitis:							
(a) Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) Non-Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS (and ages).

			Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	...	...	-	-	-	-
5—14 years	...	...	-	1	-	-
15—24 „	...	...	-	-	-	-
25—44 „	...	...	-	1	-	1
45—64 „	...	...	-	1	-	-
65 and over	...	...	-	-	-	-
Totals	...		-	3	-	1

DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population).

Tuberculosis:	(a)	Respiratory	...	...	...	0.20
	(b)	Other Forms	...	...	...	0.10
	(c)	All Forms	...	...	...	0.30
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	0.09
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	0.29
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	0.00

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## IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis during the year is as follows:—

Diphtheria—Primary injections	...	...	...	180
Re-inforcing injections	...	...	...	35
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	146
Poliomyelitis (two injections)	...	...	...	2513

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM BOROUGH, 1958.

Causes of Death.					Male.	Female.
All Causes.					85	82
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	—	2
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	—	1
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Whooping cough	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	—	—
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	—	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	2	—
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	5	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	—	—
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	—	—
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	4	9
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	1	—
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	—	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	19	24
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	14	8
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	2	1
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	8	9
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	2	4
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	—	1
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	2	1
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	2	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	—	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	—	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	—	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	2	—
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	3	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	4	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	13	11
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	1	1
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	1	1
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	—	—
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	—	—

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REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SURVEYOR.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

No extension of the public sewers was carried out during the year, but plans are in being for two small extensions in Simons Lane and Doles Lane. These are being embodied in the new sewerage scheme now being prepared. A new sewer to serve the Norreys Barn Housing Estate is proposed to be laid during 1959.

The Consulting Engineers are now engaged on a proposed extension of the sewerage system, pumping station and sewage works. Informal negotiations have been started with the Wokingham Rural District Council for the reception into the Borough Sewers of the sewage from a portion of the south area of the Rural District.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The Public Cleansing Service continued to work smoothly. Spraying of the Tip in warm weather was necessary to control fly breeding and crickets.

E. F. PRESSEY,  
Borough Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

WATER SUPPLY.

Number of visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Number of water samples taken (together with samples from Martins Swimming Pool)	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Number of existing premises connected to main water supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

The water supplied to the Borough by the Mid-Wessex Water Company has continued to be adequate and wholesome. There are still 8 properties not having a main water supply. Five of these may be connected when the Water Undertakings are grouped. Steps to effect grouping have been taken by the Undertakings during the year.

3,448 Dwelling houses are supplied with water direct from public mains.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Number of samples of trade effluent taken	...	...	...	4
Number of samples of sewage effluent taken	...	...	...	4

A typical analysis of the effluent from the Ashridge Works taken during July was as follows:—

Ammoniacal nitrogen	12.0
Albuminoid nitrogen	0.41
Nitrogen from nitrites	0.8
Nitrogen from nitrates	13.6
“Oxygen (in 3 minutes absorbed)”	5.98
at 27°C. in 4 hours	13.30
Biochemical oxygen demand	
(5 days at 65°F.)	13.
Total solids	740
Solids in suspension—	4
Total volatile on ignition	4
Combined chlorine	125
Reaction (pH value)	6.9
Appearance	Yellowish and clear with a trace of sediment.
Odour	—

### SANITARY CONDITIONS.

#### Notices.

No. of informal notices served during the year	...	45
No. of informal notices complied with during the year	...	35
No. of formal notices served during the year	...	15
No. of formal notices complied with during the year	...	14
Legal proceedings	...	0
Work done by Local Authority in default	...	0

#### Complaints.

No. received during the year	...	75
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### HOUSING.

During the year one house was demolished and six closed. Eleven houses repaired and formal action taken to repair six more. The Council declared two areas in Rose Street concerning eight houses to be Clearance Areas.

Twelve old persons bungalows were completed by the Council giving a total number of houses of 533 since the war.

In the period fifty six were completed by private enterprise giving a total of 508 since the war.

Forty five families were rehoused by the Council during the year.

### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

No. of inspections of tents, vans and sheds	...	30
No. of applications to station caravans	...	11
No. of applications granted temporary licences	...	10



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## FOOD INSPECTION.

There are no slaughterhouses within the district, butchers meat being supplied mainly from Reading.

There has been a marked decrease in the number of request visits to examine doubtful stock. Wholesalers showed a greater willingness to accept their return. Keener competition in the trade is the probable reason for this.

In no case was it necessary to resort to legal proceedings. The following foodstuffs were disposed of at the Council's refuse tip.

Fresh meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	65 lbs.
Offal	...	...	...	...	...	...	56 lbs.
Poultry	...	...	...	...	...	...	71 lbs.
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 cwt.
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 tins.
Cream Rolls	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin.
Corned Beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	42 lbs.
Veal	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 lbs.
Stewed Steak	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin.
Luncheon Steak	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 lbs.
Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	...	21 tins.
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 tins.
Baby Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin.
Marmalade	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 jar.

## FOOD PREMISES.

Number of Food Premises, by type of business in district at the end of year:—

Types of Business.	Number.
General Grocers and Provision Dealers	43
Greengrocers and Fruit	6
Fishmongers	2
Butchers' Shops	6
Bakers and Confectioners	8
Fried Fish Shops	3
Licensed Premises, Clubs, Restaurants, Cafes, Snack Bars, etc.	33
Off Licences	5

The following table shows the details for which it was necessary to serve informal notices during the year:—

Want of cleanliness	2
Supply of hot water	3
Soap and towels	4
Decorating	6
Structural Defects	3
Bins	4
Miscellaneous	5

A good deal of voluntary work was carried out during the year. Two of the six butchers' shops carried out structural repairs and alterations and at a third similar work was commenced. One general grocery store was refitted and minor alterations carried out in four others.

Only two complaints were received during the year on the standard of hygiene in all types of food premises.

### MILK & DAIRIES.

All milk in the Borough was sold under special designations.

The following table gives details of samples of milk sent for examination to the Public Health Laboratory.

				Number of Samples.	Number Satisfac- tory.
Methylene Blue	...	...	...	14	14
Phosphatase Test	...	...	...	13	12
Turbidity	...	...	...	3	3

The one unsatisfactory result is thought to have been due to faulty pasteurisation, follow up samples proved satisfactory.

During the summer months eight samples of ice cream submitted to the laboratory were satisfactory.

Number of registered distributors operating from:—

(a) Dairies in the district	...	...	...	3
(b) Shops in the district other than dairies	...	...	...	4
(c) Premises outside the district	...	...	...	3

The following licences were issued during the year:—

Tuberculin Tested—

Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	4
Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	2

Pasteurised—

Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	2
Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	3

Sterilised—

Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	5
Supplementary	...	...	...	...	...	1

### SHOPS ACT, 1952.

The Council is a Shops Act Authority within the meaning of the Act and is responsible for the health and comfort of shop assistants and closing hours.

During the year five complaints were received alleging illegal Sunday trading and two concerning the half-day closing. Thirty-two visits to shops especially in respect of closing hours and ten in respect of Sunday trading were made.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Six visits were paid in connection with infectious disease.

DISINFESTATIONS.

Eighteen visits were made to verminous houses and disinfection work carried out at eight premises.

RODENT CONTROL.

The Wokingham Joint Rodent Control Committee functioned satisfactorily throughout the year. The staff consists of one rodent officer and two operatives.

The total number of visits carried out in the Borough for 1958 is as follows:—

Complaints received	...	...	...	...	154
Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	2143
Premises re-inspected	...	...	...	...	600
Premises found infested	...	...	...	...	301
Premises treated	...	...	...	...	738
Premises cleared	...	...	...	...	313
Premises treated for Mice Infestation	...	...	...	...	101

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	6	7	3	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	61	66	3	—
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	3	19	20		—
TOTAL ...		86	93	6	—



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## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	M/C line No.	No. of Cases in which Defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted.
		Found	Remedied	Referred		
				To H.M. Insp'tr.	By H.M. Insp'tr.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of cleanliness ...	4	3	3	—	—	—
Overcrowding ... ..	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable tempera- ture ... ..	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ... ..	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ... ..	10	3	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ... ..	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not cluding offences re- lating to Home- work) ... ..	12	1	1	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	60	7	6	—	—	—

## PART VIII OF THE ACT.

## OUTWORK ( SECTIONS 110 and 111).

		Section 110.			Section 111.		
		No. of out- workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- whole- some premises	Not- ices ser- ved	Pro- secu- t'ns.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing apparel Making, etc. ...	13	6	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ...	70	6	-	-	-	-	-



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OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no offensive trades established within the Borough.

KNACKERS YARD.

The knackers yard in Molly Millars Lane has operated satisfactorily throughout the year.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

Martins Swimming Pool which is owned by the Borough Council operated during the Summer. Samples of water were taken weekly. Several samples were unsatisfactory and an application of chlorine by hand to supplement the chlorination plant was necessary to effect a quick remedy.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The supervision of rivers and streams has continued and measures taken as required to prevent their pollution.

RAINFALL AT WOKINGHAM, 1958.

Month.		Depth in Inches.	Greatest Fall in 24 hours, depth in Inches.	Date	No. of Days with .01in. or more.	No. of Days with .04in. or more.
January	...	2.99	.86	28th	18	11
February	...	2.24	.65	24th	18	12
March	...	1.46	.39	30th	14	9
April	...	1.17	.75	5th	6	3
May	...	1.95	.46	25th	15	8
June	...	4.16	1.09	26th	19	13
July	...	1.51	.27	1st	18	12
August	...	3.97	.77	12th	19	14
September	...	3.31	.98	29th	14	13
October	...	2.69	.50	4th	15	10
November	...	2.38	.96	1st	12	9
December	...	2.37	.41	29th	18	12
		30.20			186	126

Average of 58 years.

25.38 inches.

168.07 days with .01 inches or more.

SUMMARY.

Summary of Inspections:

Meat Transport Vehicles	...	...	...	...	6
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	9
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	18

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Other Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	180
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	20
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	8
Cafes and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	40
Knackers Yard	...	...	...	...	...	6
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	171
Public Health Inspections (Nuisances)	...	...	...	...	...	120
Re-Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	140
Housing (Inspections and Re-inspections)	...	...	...	...	...	260
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	24
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	24
Drainage Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	152
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	14
Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	26
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	6
Martins Swimming Pool	...	...	...	...	...	12
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	2
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	93
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	5
Public Houses and Places of Entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	14
Other Visits	...	...	...	...	...	102
Infectious Disease and Food Poisoning Visits	...	...	...	...	...	6
Number of Disinfections	...	...	...	...	...	0
Verminous Houses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	18
Number of Disinfestations	...	...	...	...	...	8

## Nature of Nuisances Dealt with during the Year.

Defective and insufficient cesspools	...	...	...	...	3
Defective Drains	...	...	...	...	36
Choked drains	...	...	...	...	43
Choked and foul W.C. pans	...	...	...	...	2
Defective flushing cisterns	...	...	...	...	12
Defective Soil and Ventilating Pipes	...	...	...	...	1
Defective Waste Pipes and Traps	...	...	...	...	3
Defective Sanitary fitments	...	...	...	...	4
Defective Gutters and Stackpipes	...	...	...	...	12
Defective roofs	...	...	...	...	38
Defective Chimney Stacks	...	...	...	...	2

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Damp Premises	...	...	...	...	...	42
Defective Floors	...	...	...	...	...	12
Defective Grates and Coppers			...	...	...	6
Defective Windows, Skylights and Doors	...			...	...	30
Defective Plaster (Walls and Ceilings)			...		...	42
Defective or Insufficient Refuse Receptacle	...			...	...	16
Offensive Accumulations		...	...	...	...	22
Defective Staircases	...	...	...	...	...	8
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	108

Sanitary Matters requiring attention.

- The provision of a public sewer to the new bungalow develop-  
ment in Simons Lane.
- The unsatisfactory method of transferring domestic refuse  
from the dustbin to the collecting vehicle by means of  
open skips.
- The provision of a caravan site to meet a growing need and  
to effect some control on caravan siting.

JOHN B. BOWDEN,  
Public Health Inspector.

# Cookham

## Rural District.

### STATISTICS.

Area (in acres) ... ..	24,920
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at 1st April, 1959 ... ..	4,848
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1959 ... ..	£232,505
Product of a Penny Rate ... ..	£880
Population (estimated mid-year) ... ..	15,970

#### Live Births:

	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate ...	131	159	290
Illegitimate ...	2	5	7
Total ...	133	164	297

Live Birth Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population) ... 18.60

Live Birth Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population) ... 18.23

#### Still Births:

M.	F.	Total.
1	4	5

Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births) ... 16.56

Total Live and Still Births ... 302

#### Infant Deaths:

	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate ...	2	3	5
Illegitimate ...	0	0	0
Total ...	2	3	5

Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)	Legitimate ...	17.24
	Illegitimate ...	0.00
	Total ...	16.84

Neo Natal Death Rate (per 1,000 live births) ... 13.47

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births ... 2.36

Maternal Deaths ... .. Nil.

Maternal Death Rate (per 1,000 live and still births) ... Nil.

#### Deaths (all causes):

M.	F.	Total
76	60	136

Death Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population) ... 8.52

Death Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population) ... 9.37



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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis)

Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Acute Poliomyelitis:							
(a) Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
(b) Non-Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS (and ages).

Age Groups.				Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	...	...	...	—	1	—	—
5—14 years	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
15—24	„	...	...	3	1	—	—
25—44	„	...	...	2	—	1	—
45—64	„	...	...	1	—	1	—
65 and over	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
Totals				6	2	2	—

DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population).

Tuberculosis:	(a)	Respiratory	...	...	...	...	0.06
	(b)	Other Forms	...	...	...	...	0.06
	(c)	All Forms	...	...	...	...	0.12
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.19
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.25
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.00

## IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis during the year is as follows:—

Diphtheria—Primary injections	...	...	...	153
Re-inforcing injections	...	...	...	41
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	115
Poliomyelitis (two injections)	...	...	...	2414

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN COOKHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1958.

Causes of Death.					Male	Female
All Causes.					76	60
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	—	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	1	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Whooping cough	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	—	—
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	1	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	3	—
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	8	—
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	1	—
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	—	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	8	6
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	1	—
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	—	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	7	6
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	15	9
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	—	—
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	8	15
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	1	1
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	2	1
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	1	3
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	3	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	—	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	2	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	—	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	—	—
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	1	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	—	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	8	10
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	3	2
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	1	—
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	1	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	—	—

## Cookham Rural District

### REPORT BY THE ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR.

#### MAIN DRAINAGE OF COOKHAM RISE & COOKHAM VILLAGE.

The new sewage disposal works (ultimate capacity 135,000 gallons per day), were officially opened by Sir Charles Mott Radcliffe, in November, with only a token flow entering. This had increased to 10,000 gallons per day by the end of the year, and the number of applications to connect to the sewer was rising rapidly.

#### MAIN DRAINAGE OF BRAY.

The Consulting Engineers prepared the scheme of sewerage works during the year in the expectation (since realised) that a starting date would be given for the middle of 1959. Approximately 12 miles of sewer will discharge into the Maidenhead Borough Councils' works which will be enlarged for this purpose. The scheme includes 7 pumping stations.

#### OTHER SCHEMES.

Preliminary investigations were begun in connection with two schemes designed to serve all villages in the district at present without main drainage.

#### HOUSING.

The Council's caravan site for 60 caravans was completed during the year, and the first occupants installed.

At the end of the year a block of aged persons' and single people's flatlets was begun at Woodlands Park; tenders for 12 flats and houses were with the Ministry and permission to advertise for tenders for 16 maisonettes, 10 houses and a shop had been given.

More pre-war Council houses were brought up to modern standards.

A total of 32 Improvement Grants to the value of £9,120 were approved during the year.

ALEX MANDEVILLE,  
Engineer and Surveyor.

### REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

The following is an account of the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year ending 31st December, 1958.

#### WATER SUPPLIES.

The following list shows the number of occupied properties in the seven Parishes of the Rural District which are served by



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(a) a pipe water supply and (b) a well water supply.

Parish.	Total Houses.	On Main.	On Well.
Bisham ... ..	319	311	8
Bray ... ..	1,340	1,329	11
Cookham ... ..	1,630	1,576	54
Hurley ... ..	612	586	26
Shottesbrooke ... ..	40	40	—
Waltham St. Lawrence ... ..	375	375	1
White Waltham ... ..	543	543	—

Sixty-four samples were obtained during the year. Samples are taken regularly and the results summarised as follows:—

Satisfactory ... ..	26
Unsatisfactory ... ..	9

Of the remainder, 7 were from ditches and ponds and 22 from an open air Swimming Bath.

A piped water supply was laid on during the year to a large Caravan Site in the area used for holiday purposes.

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS.

Infectious Disease ... ..	414
Drainage ... ..	259
Caravan Sites, etc. ... ..	328
Shops ... ..	66
Bakehouses ... ..	1
Dairies ... ..	2
Pig Keeping Premises ... ..	13
Public Health Act Inspections ... ..	602
Public Health Act Re-inspections ... ..	1,244
Visits re. overcrowding ... ..	1
Public Conveniences ... ..	74

## NOTICES.

Number of Informal Notices served during the year ...	69
Number of Informal Notices complied with during the year	45
Number of Informal Notices outstanding at end of the year	24
Number of Formal Notices served during the year ...	3
Number of Formal Notices complied with during the year	2
Number of Formal Notices outstanding at end of the year	1

## HOUSING PROGRESS.

Number of Permanent 3-bedroomed houses completed since 1945 ... ..	234
Number of Permanent 2-bedroomed houses completed since 1945 ... ..	117



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Number of Permanent 1-bedroomed bungalows completed since 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Number of Permanent 2-bedroomed bungalows completed since 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Number of Permanent 4-bedroomed houses completed since 1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Number of Prefabricated Bungalows	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Number of Nissen Huts used as temporary dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	None
Number of Permanent 3-bedroomed houses in course of erection	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Permanent 2-bedroomed houses in course of erection	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Permanent 2-bedroomed flats in course of erection	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Permanent 1-bedroomed flats in course of erection	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of Permanent 2-bedroomed flats completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Number of Permanent 1-bedroomed flats completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

## MILK SAMPLING.

Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	98
Methylene Blue Test Result:						
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	93
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	2
Phosphatase Test:						
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	80
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	1

## ICE CREAM SAMPLING.

Seven samples were taken during the year. All samples were placed in Provisional Grade One.

## UNSOUND FOOD.

The undermentioned food stuffs were surrendered and disposed of after being examined and found to be unfit for human consumption:—

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Prunes	...	...	...	297 x 10 Kilo boxes
				5 x 9 lb. tins
				47 x 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. tins
				95 x 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tins
Peaches	...	...	...	112 x 3 Kilo tins
				190 x 5 Kilo tins
Peach Quarters	...	...	...	28 x 5 Kilo tins
Peach Halves	...	...	...	1 x 5 Kilo tin
Peach Caps	...	...	...	30 x 5 Kilo tins
Sliced Peaches	...	...	...	218 x 3 Kilo tins
				321 x 5 Kilo tins
Apricots	...	...	...	88 x 7 lb. tins
				243 x 5 Kilo tins
Apricot Pulp	...	...	...	157 x 5 Kilo tins
Pears	...	...	...	17 x A.10 tins
Cooked Ham	...	...	...	1 x 10lb. 13oz. tin
				1 x 12lb. 3oz. tin
One Beasts Tongue	...	...	...	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Pork Luncheon Meat	...	...	...	24 x 12oz. tins
				40 x 7 oz. tins
Lambs Livers	...	...	...	10 lb. tin

The large amount of tinned fruit and fruit pulp disposed of as unfit for human consumption, came from a Fruit Canning Factory in the area.

## DRY SCAVENGING.

A new 25 cubic yard Dual Tip Refuse Collecting vehicle was added to the Council's fleet during the year, and has greatly helped in the running of this Service.

About 30 properties on the river bank opposite Bourne End, which have no road access, are served with a collection of refuse by river launch fortnightly during the summer months.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping and a Mechanical Shovel is in regular use at the Tip. The Tipping Site is in a dry gravel pit and this should serve the Council for many years to come.

## WET SCAVENGING.

This Service has been working to capacity during the whole of the year, with as much overtime as could reasonably be managed.

The sewerage scheme serving the Cookham and Cookham Rise areas was completed ahead of schedule, and the properties are being connected to the sewer. As soon as the large estates are connected this should have a great effect in lessening the amount of cesspool work in this area.

The Council are hoping to go ahead as quickly as possible with the sewerage of a large part of the Parish of Bray, and it is expected that a start to this scheme will be made next year.

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## FOOD POISONING.

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred during the year.

## FOOD PREMISES.

Sixty-six visits were made to food shops in the area and 26 made to Licensed premises during the year. Improvements are being carried out from time to time.

Two large shops in the District have been completely modernised, and a third—a very large store—is in the process of doing so.

## CARAVAN SITES.

Two hundred and one visits were made to Licensed Sites, and 127 made to individual sites.

The Council have a new Site for 60 caravans now in operation, and caravans are gradually being moved on. All modern amenities are provided and the Site should be an extremely good one when the occupiers have settled in.

## PETROLEUM ACTS AND REGULATIONS.

The number of premises in the area licensed to store Petroleum Spirit is now 55, and 52 visits were made during the year to check on storage facilities.

## RODENT CONTROL.

A full-time Rodent Operative is employed by the Council and the following work has been carried out:—

Number of Inspections and Re-inspections ...	...	4,237
Number of Infestations found and treated ...	...	1,912
Number of Complaints investigated ...	...	282

## ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT (1937).

## 1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Premises	M/c line No.	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority ...	(1)	7	24	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	(2)	46	78	1	—
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	(3)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	—	53	102	2	—



## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Premises	M/c. Line No.	Number of Cases in which Defects were Found.				Number of Cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted.
		Found	Rem'd'd	To H.M. Insp'tr	By H.M. Insp'tr.	
(2)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of cleanliness ...	4	1	1	—	1	—
Overcrowding ... ..	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable tempera- ture ... ..	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ... ..	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) insufficient ...	9	1	1	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective ... ..	10	—	3	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes ... ..	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other Offences (not including offences relating to Home- work ... ..	12	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	—	2	5	—	1	—

PART 8 OF THE ACT.  
OUTWORK (SECTION 110 and 11).

Nature of Work	M.c. Line No.	No. of Out- workers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c)	No. of Cases of Default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises.	Not- ices Ser- ved.	Pro- secu- tions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing Apparel: Making, etc.	13	6	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	70	6	—	—	—	—	—

May I finally express my appreciation of the work of the other Members of the Department who have always given me their wholehearted co-operation.

E. G. POLLARD,

Senior Public Health Inspector.



# Easthampstead Rural District.

## STATISTICS.

Area in acres) ... ..	27,610
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at 31st December, 1958 ... ..	10,360
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1959 ... ..	£527,884
Product of a Penny Rate ... ..	£2,077
Population (estimated mid-year) ... ..	37,830

### Live Births:

	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate ... ..	418	394	812
Illegitimate ... ..	11	17	28
Total ... ..	429	411	840

Live Birth Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population) ... .. 22.20

Live Birth Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population) ... .. 20.65

### Still Births:

M.	F.	Total.
3	4	7

Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births) ... .. 8.26

Total Live and Still Births ... .. 847

### Infant Deaths:

	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate ... ..	3	12	15
Illegitimate ... ..	1	0	1
Total ... ..	4	12	16

### Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births):

Legitimate ... ..	18.47
Illegitimate ... ..	35.71
Total ... ..	19.05

Neo Natal Death Rate (per 1,000 live births) ... .. 16.67

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births ... .. 3.33

Maternal Deaths ... .. Nil.

Maternal Death Rate (per 1,000 live and still births) ... .. Nil.

### Deaths (all causes):

M.	F.	Total.
161	159	320

Death Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population) ... .. 8.46

Death Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population) ... .. 9.90

Easthampstead Rural District

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis).

Typhoid Fever ... ..	0
Paratyphoid Fever ... ..	0
Meningococcal Infection ... ..	0
Scarlet Fever ... ..	44
Whooping Cough ... ..	20
Diphtheria ... ..	0
Erysipelas ... ..	1
Smallpox ... ..	0
Measles ... ..	94
Pneumonia ... ..	10
Acute Poliomyelitis:	
(a) Paralytic ... ..	4
(b) Non-Paralytic ... ..	2
Acute Encephalitis ... ..	1
Food Poisoning ... ..	3
Dysentery ... ..	87
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	1

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS (and ages).

Age Groups.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years ... ..	2	—	—	—
5—14 years ... ..	—	1	—	—
15—24 „ ... ..	2	3	—	—
25—44 „ ... ..	4	7	—	—
45—64 „ ... ..	4	—	—	—
65 and over ... ..	1	1	—	—
Totals ... ..	13	12	—	—

DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population).

Tuberculosis :	(a) Respiratory ... ..	0.05
	(b) Other Forms ... ..	0.00
	(c) All Forms ... ..	0.05
Typhoid Fever ... ..		0.00
Paratyphoid Fever ... ..		0.00
Whooping Cough ... ..		0.00
Diphtheria ... ..		0.00
Influenza ... ..		0.03
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis ... ..		0 03
Pneumonia ... ..		0.47
Measles ... ..		0.00

## Easthampstead Rural District

## IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were immunised against diphtheria, whooping cough and poliomyelitis during the year is as follows:—

Diphtheria—Primary injections	...	...	...	436
Re-inforcing injections	...	...	...	72
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	458
Poliomyelitis (two injections)	...	...	...	6,141

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN

## EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT, 1958.

Causes of Death.					Male	Female
All Causes.					161	159
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	1	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	1	1
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	—	—
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	1	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	—	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	4	3
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	9	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	—	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	—	—
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	19	17
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	—	1
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	1	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	16	18
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	46	18
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	4	11
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	9	18
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	2	10
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	1	—
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	12	6
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	7	8
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	2	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	3	3
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	1	3
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	1	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	2	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	1	4
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	8	27
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	4	1
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	5	3
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	1	—
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	—	—

## REPORT OF THE ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR.

### SEWAGE AND DISPOSAL.

In view of the rapidly developing area and the continuing increase in their responsibilities, the District Council during the year decided that they would call for comprehensive reports from the Chief Officers on which could be based a five year programme of capital expenditure. As a result of the reports of the Chief Officers, the Council have adopted in principle a five year programme, which should have the effect of stabilising expenditure and facilitating long term planning of capital works affecting the health of the district, in particular, the enlargement of the existing sewage works and the extension of foul and surface water sewerage schemes.

Similarly, the housing programme of the erection of Council houses and slum clearance proposals are also dealt with on a five-year plan.

In accordance with this programme, the following is a schedule of the capital works involving the construction of new sewers, the extension of existing sewers, both foul and surface water, and enlargement or reconstruction of sewage works:—

#### (i) **Foul Sewerage.**

##### **1959.**

Warfield Street, etc., Warfield.

College Road/Yeovil Road, Sandhurst.

North Street/Church Road, Chavey Down.

Grove Lane, Winkfield.

Martins Lane, Bracknell.

Bagshot Road, Bracknell.

Billingbear Lane, Binfield.

Maidens Green, Winkfield. (part scheme).

##### **1960.**

Maidens Green, Winkfield. (balance of scheme).

Longhill Road, Bracknell.

Owlsmoor, Crowthorne. (Part 1).

Kings Ride, Ascot.

Binfield Works. (Trunk sewer).

##### **1961.**

Murrell Hill, Binfield.

Crowthorne/Sandhurst Trunk Sewer.

Owlsmoor sewers. (part 11).



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### (ii) **Surface Water Drainage.**

#### **1960/61.**

College Road/Florence Road, Sandhurst—trunk sewer.  
Owlsmoor—trunk sewer.

#### **1961/62.**

Blackmoor Stream, Winkfield—relief sewer.  
Fernbank Road, Winkfield—relief sewer.

### SANDHURST SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Excellent progress has been made with the enlargement of this Works during the year under review and at the time of writing this report, it can be stated that work on the extensions will be completed and the new Works will be in operation by the end of June, 1959. This, as stated in earlier reports, is a regional Works, taking in a considerable flow of sewage from the Hartley Wintney Rural District. During the year, considerable quantities of cess-pool contents have been discharged and treated at the works from the Hartley Wintney Council, and this arrangement will continue. In addition, cesspool contents from the Easthampstead Rural District will be dealt with at this Works, as the temporary arrangements for dealing with the cesspool contents in the northern area of the district at the Works of the Bracknell Development Corporation have been terminated owing to the Corporation's difficulty in dealing with sludge, due to the inadequate capacity of the sludge drying beds.

Owing to economies effected during the sewage works extension contract, it has been possible to provide a mono-rail track system, with power operated truck to move dried sludge from the drying beds to the disposal plant. Provision has also been made for covering the new sludge digestion tanks, and it will be possible to carry out some internal reconstruction within the scope of the original contract figure.

### SLUDGE DISPOSAL.

An interesting development at the Sandhurst Works has taken place during the year, where the new system has been put into effect for converting dried digested sludge from the drying beds into a marketable fertiliser which has been advertised and is being sold under the name "Sandhurst Organic Fertiliser." For many years, it has been impossible to dispose of the dried digested sludge at this and other Works in the district, as the dried cake produced is unsuitable for mechanical handling, or hand-spreading on gardens, and can only be disposed of in bulk to farmers, who often require this product during the Winter, when the sludge is too wet to lift.

The present scheme comprises a large reinforced concrete framed shed, partly erected by the Council's own labour, and designed to house the sludge processing equipment. Sludge from

the drying beds is conveyed by dumper to this shed where it is stacked by an electrically operated elevator, and completes the final drying process under cover. The labour at the works is then utilised during inclement weather, or when one or two men become available from routine tasks, to operate the grinding equipment which comprises an electrically operated grinding machine feeding a vibrating screen; the sludge is raised to the hopper of the grinding machine by the same electrically-operated conveyor belt used for stacking the untreated sludge, and after completion of the grinding process, the fertiliser, now comprising a fairly finely-ground powder, is stored in a hopper which in turn is used for feeding the fertiliser into jute sacks for disposal. The final product is bagged in 1cwt. sacks for disposal, the delivered price within the district being 7s. 6d. per cwt., or at reduced rates for "loose" and "collected" sales.

It is anticipated that in a full year's working at least 600 tons of sludge will be processed, and as the demand is now exceeding the supply, it is hoped to organise a system of collection of dried sludge from other Works in the district for processing at the Sandhurst Plant. The average sample analysis of the fertiliser is as follows:—

Moisture:	34.9%
Organic Matter:	18.3%
Phosphate of Lime:	2.9%
Potash as K <sub>2</sub> O:	0.16%
Acid insoluble matter:	39.5%
Total Nitrogen as NH <sub>3</sub> :	1.2%
Nitrogen evolved, etc. as NH <sub>3</sub> :	0.08%
Calcium as CaCO <sub>3</sub> :	2.9%

#### WINKFIELD DISPOSAL WORKS.

It is regretted that this Works continues to operate in a grossly overloaded state and in consequence complaints have been received from the Thames Conservancy regarding the occasional unsatisfactory effluent sample. Preliminary surveys have been completed and it is hoped soon to commence the design work in my office for the reconstruction of this Works. This will be put out to tender together with the sewer extension in the Maidens Green area, which have been designed ready for tender but are being delayed until the additional capacity has been provided at the works. During the year the small extension at Pump Lane, Winkfield, was completed, and work was commenced on the sewer extension at Warfield Street, which at the time of writing this report are nearing completion.

#### HOUSING.

The following table indicates the number of houses erected during the year under review:—



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Council Houses.

3-bedroom houses	...	...	...	...	...	12
2-bedroom houses	...	...	...	...	...	12
2-bedroom bungalows	...	...	...	...	...	2
1-bedroom bungalows	...	...	...	...	...	2
						—
						28
						—

Private Enterprise.

All types	...	...	...	...	...	...	223
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Other new housing either commenced or at the tender negotiation stage during the year is as follows:—

(a) Deepfield Road Estate, Bracknell.

Authority was received during the year for two extensions to the original contract enabling negotiated tenders to be agreed with Carlton Contractors, Limited, for the completion of the Deepfield development, comprising in all:—

- 24 2-bedroom bungalows.
- 30 2-bedroom flats (4 persons).
- 15 2-bedroom flats (3 persons).
- 15 2-bedroom flats (2 persons).
- 100 3-bedroom houses.

The advance preparation of the site comprising roads, foul and surface water sewers, was completed during the year under review, except for the construction of footpaths and final carpeting of carriageways, which, together with the seeding of verges and final landscaping, cannot be completed until the whole estate development is finished. Although, due to inclement weather and some sickness, the contract is running approximately one month behind schedule, it is fair to say that excellent progress has been made, and this venture in fairly high density development is likely to be successful and will be well up to the standards of design and amenity set by the Bracknell Development Corporation in the New Town.

(b) Gough's Meadow Site, Sandhurst.

During the year, tenders have been negotiated for the development of the Gough's Meadow Housing Site at Sandhurst, comprising 105 units of housing and including for the first time a two storey block of bed-sitting room accommodation for old people, comprising warden's accommodation, and a complete installation of services of hot water and central heating by a central oil-fired plant. It is hoped that, in the light of experience gained in administering this type of accommodation for a growing number of elderly persons in the district, similar schemes can be commenced during 1959 in Bracknell, at the Larges Lane site, where approximately 30 such units are proposed.

**(c) Modernisation of Pre-War Houses.**

After the successful modernisation two or three years ago of the Hayley Green Council Houses, a programme for modernising other pre-war estates has been undertaken, but a disappointing response to invitations for tenders for modernisation at Wellington Terrace, resulted in delay as the Contract had to be readvertised but at the time of writing, good progress has been made with modernisation at an average cost of approximately £850 per house. The work on this estate is necessarily expensive as the houses are in poor structural condition and badly affected by rising damp due to defective damp proof courses, and defective construction of the solid floors on the ground floor, these houses having been erected under the 1919 housing scheme. A similar modernisation scheme is being undertaken at Billingbear but, owing to very unsatisfactory tenders received, it has been decided to carry out this work with the Council's own direct organisation, plus a certain amount of Sub-Contracting, as soon as the new Billingbear Sewage Disposal Works has been constructed and the foul sewers have been laid.

**BRACKNELL NEW TOWN.**

Continuing the report submitted last year, the figures for the development of the Bracknell New Town for the year ended 31st March, 1959, are as follows:—

Houses completed and occupied	...	...	...	877
Factories completed and operating	...	...	...	2

During the year the Development Corporation's proposals for the development of the final neighbourhood unit at Harmans Water have received Ministerial approval and unless there is a decision to increase the Town above the designated size of 25,000, the end of the development can now be visualised and it can be said that the Town is taking its final shape.

**OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.**

The pressure of increased work and the necessary increase of staff have resulted in further difficulty in housing the various departments and in particular it has been impossible to provide separate accommodation in Bracknell for the Medical Officer of Health. However, the development of the Council's new Central Depot has enabled the refuse vehicles to be moved from the accommodation at the rear of the Council Offices, which has now been converted to provide adequate drawing office accommodation for the present staff and this released the former drawing office for clerical staff. After the installation of automatic oil-fired central heating for the Council Offices and Council Chamber, it is proposed to resurface the yard at the rear of the offices to provide more adequate parking accommodation for the Councillors and Officials, but these measures are merely alleviating the present



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difficulties, and the Council has decided that within the next five years, it will be essential to provide entirely new accommodation on the site reserved in the Bracknell New Town Centre.

### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

During the year under review, 59 applications for grants were received in respect of proposed improvements and conversions.

Grants totalling £9,395 were made during the same period in respect of 49 properties.

It is likely that, in the coming year, a further increase in grants can be expected when the new Housing Act provisions become more widely known. These provide for the automatic payment of grants for modern amenities such as bathroom, W.C.'s, new drainage systems and hot water installations, to which owners will be entitled as a right, and the onus for justifying refusal to make such a grant in a particular case is placed upon the Local Authority.

H. CHARLESWORTH,

Engineer and Surveyor.

## REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

### STAFF CHANGES.

#### Senior Clerk.

Mr. A. Tillotson, Senior Clerk in the Department since 1948, left this Authority in August, 1958.

Mr. N. C. Bellamy, formerly in the Health Department of Guildford Rural District, was appointed Senior Clerk, and joined the staff of the Department on 10th November, 1958.

### WATER SUPPLY.

#### Public Supply.

Piped water supply is available to every Parish, and is supplied by the Mid-Wessex Water Company, Frimley Green, Aldershot (Parishes of Bracknell, Crowthorne, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Binfield and Warfield) and by the South West Suburban Water Company, The Causeway, Staines (Parish of Winkfield). There are less than 1% of properties in the Rural District not connected to the public supply.

During the year samples for bacteriological analyses were taken at Bracknell and Crowthorne, the results were as follows:—

	Number of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory.
Bracknell ...	1	1	—
Crowthorne	3	—	3

The three unsatisfactory samples related to a reservoir supplied from the public mains and serving a large establishment in Crowthorne. The use of the water in this reservoir was discontinued, and an investigation into the cause of the pollution was still proceeding at the end of the year, the establishment in the meantime being supplied with water direct from the public mains from the original connection, and a new additional connection.

#### REFUSE AND SALVAGE—COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

##### (a) **Collection Service.**

The Annual Report for 1955 gave some indications of the effects of the New Town on this service. The labour position improved slightly during 1958, but still lags behind requirements. Especially is this noticed when illness reduces numbers suddenly at a holiday time, for example, Christmas 1958. With a comparatively small labour force, such as this Council employs, it is impossible to carry any reserve labour, and casual labour is not available through the Exchanges. The minimum rates of wages for unskilled labour paid by industrialists in Bracknell are considerably higher than the Joint Industrial Council rates laid down for Local Authority labour. This factor, together with more attractive working conditions in factories makes the recruitment and retention of men for refuse work difficult. The best answer available to a Local Authority is by way of an incentive bonus on work done, better conditions, and possibly, housing incentives.

The possibilities of dustless loading machines which use special bins which are easier to handle, are being considered, but such devices are new to this country, and untried in the methods of storage and collection of house refuse practised here. The machines are costly, and the service depends on the provision of special bins by the Council which cost more than double the standard bin normally in use.

During the year an additional vehicle of larger carrying capacity, a Karrier Senior Dual-Tip of 25 cubic yards, was ordered in March, and delivered in September. A further machine of similar type will be ordered in 1959 to replace an eleven year's old side-loader.

##### (b) **Disposal—Controlled Tip.**

Conditions of disposal at the tip continued satisfactorily. Development by the Bracknell Development Corporation of Lily Hill Estate has brought a closely developed residential area to within 200 yards of the present tip, and 10 yards of the perimeter of land owned by the Council, and reserved for controlled tipping, which is likely to limit use of that land to prevent possible nuisance arising.



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(c) Salvage.

The accompanying table gives comparative figures for three years, 1956, 1957 and 1958. Paper continues to be in demand, although trading conditions again called for a limitation of supplies to the mills.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Vehicle.	No. of Loads.	Approx. Volume of Refuse. Cub. Yds.	Miles Travelled.	PETROL.		OIL	
				Gallons Used.	Miles per Gallon.	Gallons Used.	Miles per Gallon.
Karrier EJB. 588 ...	698½	6,985	8,407 (est.)	1,831	4.59 (est.)	26	323.43+
Dennis CMO. 802 ...	760½	7,605	6,516	1,417	4.60	9	724.00
S & D GMO. 419 ...	741	14,820	7,658	1,592½	4.81	17	450.47
Totals ...	2,200	29,410	22,581	4,840½		52	
S & D JRX. 119 ...	571½	11,430	5,798	793	7.31	8	724.75
Karrier MRX. 655 ...	615	7,380	12,062	894	13.49	21	574.38
Karrier RBI. 350 ...	120	3,000	1,668	188	8.87	4	417.00
Totals ...	1,306½	21,810	19,528	1,875		33	

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

	No. of Hours Worked.	Quantity of Refuse Disposed of. Cub. Yards.	Fuel Oil Used. Gallons.	Gallons per Hour.
Chaseside Shovel	1,629	51,220	544	0.33

## SALVAGE SALES.

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Material	1956			1957			1958		
	T.C.	£	s. d.	T.C.	£	s. d.	T.C.	£	s. d.
Paper ...	258.1½	2,047	9 9	338.12¼	2,705	18 4	301.7	2,438	16 3
Textiles ...	1.15	39	17 0	1.8	32	4 0	Nil.	-	- -
Ferrous Metals ...	Nil.	-	- -	10	1	10 0	Nil.	-	- -
Total ...	259.16½	£2,087	6 9	340.10¼	£2,739	12 4	301.7	£2,438	16 3



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**SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.**

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS :**

Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	157
Visits and revisits	...	...	...	...	...	495
Work in progress	...	...	...	...	...	142
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	675
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	7
Refuse Tip and Collection	...	...	...	...	...	184
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	75
Land Charges (Searches)	...	...	...	...	...	152
Markets	...	...	...	...	...	8
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	378

**HOUSING ACTS.**

Housing Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	74
Applications for Houses	...	...	...	...	...	11
Council Houses and Temporary Camps	...	...	...	...	...	13
Interviews on Sites	...	...	...	...	...	129

**FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.**

Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	106
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	39
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	46
Meat Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	238
Butchers' Premises	...	...	...	...	...	148

**FACTORY ACTS.**

Inspections (including Bakehouses)	...	...	...	...	55
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**NOTICES SERVED AND ABATED.**

<b>Statute.</b>	<b>Prelimin- ary Notices.</b>	<b>Statutory Notices</b>	<b>Court Proceed- ings.</b>	<b>Abated.</b>
Public Health Acts	83	19	2	66
Housing Acts	-	-	-	-
Food and Drugs Acts	26	-	-	25
Factories Acts	-	-	-	-

**HOUSING ACTS, 1936—1957.**

During the year 17 houses were represented as "individual unfits," and from this number, three families were rehoused by the Council, and one family left on their own accord.

Undertakings were accepted from the owners of 4 of these properties not to re-let until the property is in all respects fit for human habitation.

## RENT ACT, 1957.

During the year 22 applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received, and 9 Certificates were issued in respect of all defects, and 11 in respect of some but not all defects. 11 Undertakings were given subsequently by landlords. 6 Applications by landlords for cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair were received, and 5 Certificates were cancelled up to the end of the year.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

12 Applications were dealt with during the year—1 licence was granted to allow land to be used as a site for moveable dwellings, and 1 refused. 9 Licences to erect or station and use moveable dwellings were granted being limited to a period not exceeding 12 months, and 1 refused.

The position at the end of the year was as follows:—

Private Sites (11)	...	...	...	712 Caravans.
Individual Licensed Caravans	...	...	...	39 Caravans.

## GROVE LANE, WINKFIELD.

Much distress was caused to residents in Winkfield Row by the establishment, in October 1957, of an unauthorised caravan site. As winter developed, more vans moved in, and the families living in the vans also suffered some privations. Although the Council was at first unsuccessful in clearing the site, eventually by both Planning Control and prosecutions under the Public Health Act, 1936, the site was cleared of vans by August 1958.

This was the first experience in this district of the behaviour of unscrupulous site-operators, and the problems of van dwellers in the nearer London districts. It has now become a problem to which the Government has at last given attention, and the investigation and report by Sir Arton Wilson are awaited with interest by all Local Authorities.

## SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE.

During prolonged wet periods, or following sudden and very heavy downpours, many areas in the Rural District become flooded with surface water, and in some cases, such as to cause nuisance. The worst example of a sudden effect was in October, 1956, in Sandhurst, when the College Town area became badly flooded, even into some houses. A combined scheme of clearing and regrading the main surface water drainage ditches in that area was undertaken and completed in 1958 under the Joint Authority of the Easthampstead Rural District Council, Berkshire County Council, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food.

Although much of the Easthampstead Rural District appears to be flat, and flooding or boggy areas numerous, nevertheless there are in existence good systems of drainage ditches with good

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rivers and streams to take water away **provided** that these are properly maintained at their original widths, depths, and falls. Much time could be saved, and much distress to residents if more comprehensive and thorough work on drainage were carried out throughout the district. A comprehensive scheme of surface-water sewers is being prepared for the upper parts of Branksome Hill Road, College Road, and Owlsmoor at Sandhurst by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor.

## FOOD AND DRUGS.

No. of Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	11
No. of Cafes and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	13
No. of Food Shops	...	...	...	...	...	124
No. of Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	62

## MILK AND DAIRIES.

No. of Registered Premises	...	...	...	...	11
No. of Registered Distributors:					
'a) In the area	...	...	...	...	11
(b) Outside the area	...	...	...	...	12

MILK (Special Designation) Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk)  
REGULATIONS, 1949-1953.

MILK (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) REGULATIONS,  
1949-1954.

## Licences issued:—

	Tuberculin		
	Tested.	Pasteurised.	Sterilised.
Dealers' Licences	9	9	5
Supplementary Licences	12	11	6

## Samples taken:—

(Milk in course of distribution to consumers).

Particulars	No. of Samples.	METHYLENE BLUE		PHOSPHATASE	
		Satis- factory.	Unsatis- factory.	Satis- factory.	Unsatis- factory.
Plant in Council's area	10	10	—	10	—
Retailed in Council's area from plant outside	2	2	—	2	—

Samples taken by the Berkshire County Council from Pas-



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teurising Plant either situate in the Easthampstead Rural District or from premises outside the district from which it is retailed in this area:—

Particulars	Total Samples.	METHYLENE BLUE		PHOSPHATASE	
		Satis- factory.	Unsatis- factory.	Satis- factory.	Unsatis- factory.
Pasteurisers in Council's area	50	50	—	50	—
Pasteurisers in other districts. (Milk sold in Council's area)	48	48	—	48	—

The practice of milk roundsmen of stacking crates of empty bottles on pavements, open spaces, etc., awaiting subsequent collection several hours later, is not only unsightly, but presents a public health problem, of possible and very probable fouling by dogs, and the enormous bacterial growth which must take place in warm weather. This is a practice which must be abandoned.

A refrigerated milk-vending machine was installed by a dairyman in Bracknell during 1958. This machine is well designed from the hygienic aspect, and so far has caused no trouble, nor should it if it continues to be properly maintained. Other machines are of practical interest to Public Health Officers, especially those which dispense mixed and flavoured milk drinks where both quality and hygienic control becomes more complicated, and liable to faults.

## MILK SUPPLY—TYPHI-MURIUM IN CALVES.

Cases of typhi-murium in calves at a farm in Easthampstead were reported to the Medical Officer of Health. The milk was supplied to a local dairy, and arrangements were made for it to be pasteurised pending investigation. An inspection at the farm took place by the Medical Officer of Health, a Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Chief Public Health Inspector—samples of milk were taken from suspected cows, all of which proved negative.

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ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered:—

Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sale and storage for sale of pre-packed ice-cream						100

The premises are inspected regularly and samples taken show the following results:—

Sample No.	Test.	Provisional Grade.
1	Methylene Blue	1
2	” ”	1
3	” ”	1
4	” ”	1

GAME LICENCES.

4 Shopkeepers were registered to deal in game.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There are 2 slaughterhouses in the Rural District, and 9 slaughtermen licensed to carry out the work of slaughtering.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The volume of killing is not high in the two slaughterhouses in the Rural District, but the quality and soundness of the meat has been very good. The following gives an analysis of inspection, and percentage of disease.

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Diseases.	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed ... ..	45	11	688	96	130	Nil
Number inspected ... ..	45	11	688	96	130	Nil
All Diseases except Tuberculosis						
and Cysticercosis:						
Whole carcase condemned ... ..	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	3	1	3	1	3	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis ...	8.89%	9.11%	0.44%	1.04%	3.85%	Nil
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcase condemned ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.77	Nil
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ... ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



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UNSOUND FOOD.

The following, after being examined and found unfit for human consumption, were voluntarily surrendered to the Department for disposal, and destroyed by burning or burying in the appropriate manner.

MEAT.

Home killed	...	...	...	...	...	482½ lbs.
Imported	...	...	...	...	...	14½ lbs.

VARIOUS FOODSTUFFS.

Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	135 tins.
Meat	...	...	...	...	...	57 tins.
Soup	...	...	...	...	...	4 tins.
Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	77 tins.
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	16 tins.
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	11 tins.
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	118 lbs.
Ham	...	...	...	...	...	6 tins.
Jam	...	...	...	...	...	8 jars.
Potatoes	...	...	...	...	...	224 lbs.
Chickens	...	...	...	...	...	13 tins.
Apricot Pulp (Manufacturing)	...	...	...	...	...	51 tins.
Corned Beef	...	...	...	...	...	39 tins.
Fruit Juices	...	...	...	...	...	3 tins.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year the Public Health Inspectors visited and carried out the necessary investigations into the following cases:—

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	36
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	6
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	5

The Department has worked with the General Practitioners, and facilities for the testing of specimens are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Battle Hospital, Reading.

Steam disinfection of bedding, when necessary, is carried out by arrangement with the Borough of Maidenhead.

MORTUARY.

37 Bodies were admitted to the Mortuary during the year.

SWIMMING POOLS.

There is one privately owned pool open to public use in Bracknell. This pool has a complete filtration, chlorination, and aeration plant, which keeps the water up to a high standard of purity.

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There are three private pools belonging to schools in the district, two of which have continuous filtration with chlorination, and the third receives only chlorine treatment.

PETROLEUM ACTS, 1928 and 1936.

There are 66 premises licensed for the storage of Petroleum Spirit in the area, the total amount licensed being 236,800 gallons. From 33 of these premises petrol is sold, while at the other 33 premises petrol is stored for private use only.

On 1st January, 1960, there comes into force a Model Code of Standard Conditions which deals primarily with electrical equipment and services to petrol pumps, and requires a B.S.S. of flame-proofing to all electrical fittings. The Council has decided to apply all the provisions of the Model Code with the exception of limiting devices on fuel deliveries from pumps. All licence holders have been notified of the requirements in time for alterations to be made before the new licensing period in 1960.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1953.

#### Section 74, 75—

Licensing under these sections relates to all Public Houses, Public Halls and other halls and premises used for public performances or dances. The premises are inspected for safety precautions, and as a result of inspections, licences are issued subject to conditions of safety. There were 19 licences issued in 1958.

#### Section 122—

7 Persons trading as Hawkers of Food are registered by the Council under this Section.

#### Section 129—

The Council has adopted byelaws regulating the hygienic conditions of premises and persons carrying on the trade of Hairdresser and Barber. 19 Persons are registered by the Council under this Section.

THEATRES ACT, 1943, and CINEMATOGGRAPH ACTS, 1909 and 1952.

Again the system of licensing is to control safety requirements relative to seating, fire-precautions, exits, stage equipment and the like.

RODENT CONTROL.

Period 1/4/58 to 31/12/58.

Total Number of Properties in the Rural District	...	12,413
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Total Number of properties inspected:—	
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(a) Notification	...	...	...	...	358
(b) Survey or Otherwise	...	...	...	...	674

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Number of properties inspected and found infested:

(a) Rats	...	...	...	...	...	...	323
(b) Mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	814

Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,137
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In addition, the Rodent Officer carried out 2 fumigations, and the following disinfestations:—

Fleas	...	...	2	Red Spider Infestations	...	4
Crickets	...	...	4	Moles	...	8
Flies	...	...	2	Rabbits	...	1
Ants	...	...	10	Bees	...	6
Beetles	...	...	2	Wasps' Nests Destroyed	56	
Cockroaches	...	2				

During 1958 and early 1959, the Berkshire County Council system of contracts for keeping farm premises clear of rats and mice infestations comes to an end. The Council considered the question of setting up a contract system of its own to replace that of the Berkshire County Council, but decided that the number of farmers in the former scheme was too few to warrant it. In consequence it was decided to notify those farmers that the services of the Council's Rodent Officer is available to them on request at a charge of 10/- per hour.

CESSPOOLS.

During the year 501 cesspools, serving 497 properties, had had, or were receiving, the emptying service. The emptying of cesspools continued to be carried out by contract, free of charge to the householder, up to a maximum of four times per year upon demand from the occupier of any premises within the Rural District.

PAIL CLOSETS.

The Council continued to undertake by contract the weekly cleansing of pail and chemical closets from private residences (other than moveable dwellings and licensed caravan sites). There are 50 householders in the district who have requested this service.

FACTORIES ACT, Section 34—MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM FIRE.

Number of factories certified by the Council as being provided with adequate means of escape from fire during the year ended 31st December, 1958	...	2
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## ADMINISTRATION OF FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

## 1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Premises (1)	M/c. line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	17	8	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	90	47	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	3	Nil	—	Nil	Nil
TOTAL ...		107	55	Nil	Nil

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars. (2)	M/c. Line No. (2)	No. of Cases in which Defects were Found.				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted. (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied. (4)	To H.M. Insp'tr (5)	By H.M. Insp'tr (6)	
Want of cleanliness ...	4	Nil	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	5	Nil	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	6	Nil	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	7	Nil	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	8	Nil	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences						
(a) Insufficient ...	9	Nil	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	10	Nil	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	11	Nil	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	12	Nil	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	60	Nil	—	—	—	—

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PART 8 OF THE ACT.  
OUTWORK ( SECTION 110 and 11 ).

Nature of Work	M.c. Line No.	No. of Out-workers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c)	No. of Cases of Default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing Apparel: Making, etc.	13	5	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	70	5	—	—	—	—	—

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Chief Public Health Inspector.

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### STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	8,665
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at 31st March, 1959	...	...	...	...	4,435
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1959	...	...	...	...	£227,891
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	£906
Population (estimated mid-year)	...	...	...	...	15,020
Live Births:					
			M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate	...	...	177	126	303
Illegitimate	...	...	2	6	8
Total	...	...	177	126	303
Live Birth Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population)	...	...	...	...	10.17
Live Birth Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population)	...	...	...	...	18.15
Still Births:					
			M.	F.	Total.
			4	1	5
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	...	...	...	...	16.23
Total Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...	308
Infant Deaths:					
			M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate	...	...	1	2	3
Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0
Total	...	...	1	2	3
Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births):					
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	10.17
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	0.00
Total	...	...	...	...	9.90
Neo Natal Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)	...	...	...	...	6.60
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	...	...	...	...	2.64
Maternal Deaths	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Maternal Death Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Deaths (all causes):					
			M.	F.	Total.
			82	99	181



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<b>Death Rate</b> (actual) (per 1,000 population)	...	...	12.05
<b>Death Rate</b> (corrected) (per 1,000 population)	...	...	9.88

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis).

Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	301
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Acute Poliomyelitis:							
(a) Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) Non-Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

## NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS (and ages).

Age Groups.			Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	...	...	-	-	-	-
5-14 years	...	...	-	2	1	-
15-24 „	...	...	-	-	-	-
25-44 „	...	...	2	-	-	1
45-64 „	...	...	1	-	-	-
65 and over	...	...	-	-	-	-
Totals	...	...	3	2	1	1

## DEATH RATES (per 1000 population).

Tuberculosis:	(a) Respiratory	...	...	...	...	0.00
	(b) Other Forms	...	...	...	...	0.00
	(c) All Forms	...	...	...	...	0.00
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	0.06
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	0.53
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	0.00

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## IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis during the year is as follows:—

Diphtheria : Primary injections	...	...	...	291
Re-inforcing injections	...	...	...	43
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	179
Poliomyelitis (two injections)	...	...	...	3,672

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN WINDSOR RURAL DISTRICT, 1958.

Causes of Death.	Male	Female.
All Causes.	82	99
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	—	—
2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease ... ..	—	—
4. Diphtheria ... ..	—	—
5. Whooping cough ... ..	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections ... ..	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis ... ..	—	—
8. Measles ... ..	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	—	1
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	1	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	5	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	—	5
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	—	4
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	6
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..	—	1
16. Diabetes ... ..	—	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	15	17
18. Coronary disease, angina ... ..	21	10
19. Hypertension with heart disease ... ..	1	—
20. Other heart disease ... ..	10	13
21. Other circulatory disease ... ..	2	17
22. Influenza ... ..	1	—
23. Pneumonia ... ..	3	5
24. Bronchitis ... ..	3	6
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ...	1	—
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..	2	—
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... ..	—	—
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	2	—
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..	—	—
31. Congenital malformations ... ..	—	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	5	5
33. Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	1	—
34. All other accidents ... ..	1	2
35. Suicide ... ..	2	—
36. Homicide and operations of war ... ..	—	—

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES SERVED.

Number of visits:—

Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	103
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Milk Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Food Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	108
Itinerant Food Vendors	...	...	...	...	...	...	65
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Miscellaneous Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	68
Streams and Water Courses	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Refuse Tip	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	22

Notices:—

No. of informal notices served during the year	...	54
No. of formal notices served during the year	...	18
Work carried out by Local Authority in default	...	Nil.

FOOD INSPECTION.

The following tables show dairies registered (other than Dairy Farms):—

	Total Licences Issued.	T.T.	Licensed to Sell: Accre- dited.	Pasteur- ised	Sterilised.
*Registered Dairies	3	—	—	—	—
Distributors of Milk	11	—	—	—	—
Licensed Dealer	15	5	—	5	5
Supplementary Licence Holders	11	4	—	4	3

\* Included in "Distributors."

Thirty-three samples of milk were submitted for keeping quality and heat treatment tests during the year, and 3 (sterilised)



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for turbidity tests. The results are shown in the following table, from which it will be seen that no failures occurred.

The Public Health Laboratory, Battle Hospital, Reading, continues to afford free laboratory services in respect of Public Health matters, and all samples were conveyed direct to the Laboratory immediately after being taken. Regular attention is paid to School milk supplies, and results are notified to the County Medical Officer of Health.

There are no Pasteurising plants operating in the district, but only designated milk may be sold. Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) No. 2 Order, 1953.

		Pasteurised Ord.		Pasteurised T.T.		Sterilised		T.T.	
		Satisfac- tory.	Failed.	Satisfac- tory.	Failed.	Satisfac- tory.	Failed.	Satisfac- tory.	Failed.
Methylene Blue (keeping quality)	...	21	—	10	—	—	—	2	—
Phosphatase (Heat treat- ment)	...	21	—	10	—	—	—	—	—
Turbidity Test		—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—

FOOD PREMISES.

There are now 120 food premises in the District comprising:—

Butcher/Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	14
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	8
Grocers and General Provisions	...	...	...	...	52
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	7
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	4
Dairies	...	...	...	...	3
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	32

One hundred and eight visits and inspections were made during the year.

A number of the businesses are of the small owner/occupier type with living accommodation attached, employing few or no staff, other than members of the household. Inspections have shown that the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations

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1955, and Section 38 of the Shops Act 1950, are satisfactorily observed.

The Berkshire County Council Act 1953, by Section 122 requires District Councils to register Hawkers of food and their premises, and these are further referred to elsewhere in the Report. Unsound food is also reported upon elsewhere.

ICE CREAM.

Forty-four premises are registered for the sale of pre-packed ice cream. Five registrations were effected during the year, and it would appear that the sale of this commodity continues to increase. Eighteen samples were taken and the results, classified under Provisional Grades, are shown below. Retailers are notified of the Grading.

Number of Grade 1 Samples	...	...	...	14
Number of Grade 2 Samples	...	...	...	3
Number of Grade 3 Samples	...	...	...	1

**Note.** A Sub-Committee of the Public Health Laboratory Service has suggested that no less than 50% of a vendor's sample should fall into Grade 1, 30% in Grade 2, not more than 20% into Grade 3, and none into Grade 4.

MEAT INSPECTION — SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

No slaughtering of animals for human consumption occurred in the District during 1958, which means that none of the 3 Licensed Slaughterhouses was used.

UNSOUND FOOD.

The following articles of food have been examined, voluntarily surrendered and disposed of as being unfit for human consumption during the year. Boiler furnaces at two local hospitals are available for this disposal.

Canned Products.				Fresh and Cured Products.			
Meat	...	...	10 tins.	Meat	...	...	14 lbs.
Fish	...	...	13 tins.	Fish	...	...	14 lbs.
Fruits	...	...	11 tins.				
Vegetables	...	...	6 tins.				
Milk	...	...	1 tin.				

HAWKERS OF FOOD AND THEIR PREMISES.

Under Section 122 of the Berkshire County Council Act 1953, these are required to be registered by Local Authorities within the County. To date 34 registrations have been made in this District. Most of them are connected with annual visitors to the Ascot Race Course, and represent traders whose "home" premises may be

anywhere within a fifty mile radius of the Course. Regular (official) visits are paid to the Course during the Race Meetings, and particular attention paid to "washing-up procedure," the covering of un-wrapped foodstuffs and hand-washing facilities.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

The position as to Water supply in this District, referred to in previous Reports, is re-stated below, for record purposes.

The controlling Company is the South West Suburban Water Company, Staines.

The supply is drawn from the River Thames at Staines, the area of supply embraces approximately 100 square miles and a population of 210,000.

The average daily quantity abstracted from the river is approximately  $5\frac{1}{2}$  million gallons. In addition to this, a bulk supply is taken from the Metropolitan Water Board.

The estimated average daily consumption per head of population is calculated by the Water Company to be 30 gallons for domestic purposes, and 40 gallons for all purposes, including trading.

A typical report on the chemical and bacteriological quality of the water before and after treatment, furnished by the Company is submitted herewith.

A piped supply exists throughout the District except at Friary Island, in the Parish of Old Windsor, where shallow tube wells are in use at some 47 dwellings.

During the year under review, 6 Chemical and 10 Bacteriological samples were taken from the Public supply; in all cases the results were deemed satisfactory.

The provision of a piped water supply at Friary Island (through which runs the boundary between Berkshire and Buckinghamshire, and between Windsor and Eton Rural Districts) has been referred to in previous Reports, in which a brief history of the project was given (see Page 60, 1957 Report), work on the scheme has not yet begun, but preliminary negotiations have been satisfactorily concluded.

During 1958/59 Bacteriological samples were taken from a well water supply to a large educational establishment, and 3 proved to be unsatisfactory, as a result of these failing samples and after correspondence and conferences, a new chlorinating plant was installed, and subsequent samples conformed to required standards. Regular sampling is now carried out by the College Authority, and copies of the Analyst's report are supplied to this Department.

One Bacteriological sample was taken from a well at Friary Island and proved satisfactory.



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ANALYSIS OF A SAMPLE OF WATER received on 4/1/58 from SOUTH WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMPANY, Labelled WORKS INTAKE RIVER THAMES, STAINES. Date: 4/11/58, 9.40 a.m.

Chemical Results in Parts per Million.

Appearance: Slight opalescence with a light-brown deposit. Microscopic examination: Mineral and organic debris, diatoms, protoza and an angiullula worm. Turbidity 90.

Colour: Filtered: 50 Hazen.	Odour . . . . .	Faint Earthy
pH . . . . .	7.6	Free Carbon Dioxide . . . . .
Electric Conductivity . . . . .	470	Total Solids . . . . .
Chlorine present at Chloride . . . . .	22	Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate . . . . .
		185
Hardness: Total 250. Carbonate 185.		Non-Carbonate 65.
Nitrate Nitrogen . . . . .	2.9	Nitrite Nitrogen approx. . . . .
Ammoniacal Nitrogen . . . . .	0.17	Oxygen Absorbed . . . . .
Albuminoid Nitrogen . . . . .	0.58	Residual Chlorine . . . . .
Metals: Iron 1.4. Zinc, Copper and Lead: absent.		-

Bacteriological Results.

	1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20°C.
Number of Colonies developing on Agar ...	17,000 per ml.	19,000 per ml.	58,000 per ml.
	Present in	Absent from	Probable number.
Presumptive Coliaerogenes Reaction ... ..	0.01+ ml.	0.001 ml.	50,000 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli. (Type 1) ...	0.01 ml.	0.001 ml.	25,000 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction ...	1 ml.	0.1 ml.	
+ Aerogenes Type 11.			

“This sample shows an unusual amount of matter in suspension, and organic impurity and colouration, following heavy rainfall. The water has a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and is free from metals apart from its appreciable content of iron. Its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents are a little lower than usual. Bacterial impurity includes Bact. coli in large numbers.

Effective treatment under close control is required for public supply purposes.

ANALYSIS OF A SAMPLE OF WATER received on 4/11/58 from SOUTH WEST SUBURBAN WATER COMPANY, Labelled Tap in Old Filter House, The Causeway, Staines. Date 4/11/58. 10.5 a.m.

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Chemical Results in Parts per Million.

Appearance: Clear and Bright.		Turbidity: Nil.	
Colour . . . . .	5	Odour: Chlorinous.	
pH . . . . .	7.5	Free Carbon Dioxide . . . . .	13
Electric Conductivity . . . . .	540	Total Solids . . . . .	360
Chlorine present as Chloride . . . . .	23	Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate . . . . .	205
Hardness: Total 285. Carbonate 205.		Non-carbonate 80.	
Nitrate Nitrogen . . . . .	4.5	Nitrite Nitrogen: Absent.	
Ammoniacal Nitrogen . . . . .	0.000	Oxygen Absorbed . . . . .	1.2
Albuminoid Nitrogen . . . . .	0.049	Residual Chlorine . . . . .	0.06
Metals: Iron Zinc, Copper, Lead and Manganese: Absent			

Bacteriological Results.

	1 Day at 37°C.	2 Days at 37°C.	3 Days at 20°C.
Number of Colonies			
Developing on Agar	2 per ml.	2 per ml.	3 per ml.
	Present in	Absent from	Probable number
Presumptive Coliaerogenes Reaction ... ..	— ml.	100 ml.	2000 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli. (Type 1) ... ..	— ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction ... ..	— ml.	100 ml.	

‘This sample is clear and bright in appearance, has a reaction slightly on the alkaline side of neutrality and is free from metals. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It is of satisfactory organic quality and of a high standard of bacterial purity.

‘These are satisfactory results showing effective treatment. The water is considered pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes.’

SANITARY MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

SEWERING OF EARLEYDENE ESTATE, SUNNINGHILL.

The Council made a further application to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in November/December, 1958, for consent to go ahead with a sewerage scheme for this part of the District, and at the time of writing the Ministry’s decision is awaited. (See pp. 84 Report for 1956).

DITCHES AND WATER COURSES.

A survey of storm water drainage in the Parish of Old Windsor was put in hand during 1958—as a matter requiring urgent

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attention—the Consultant's report is awaited.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Two schemes are in operation, one for the Parishes of Sunningdale and Sunninghill and one for the Parish of Old Windsor.

In the former, one 18 cub. yard and one 10 cub. yard vehicle, manned by a staff of nine, collect the refuse from a population of approximately 10,000 and delivers it to a controlled tip site within the area, where one man with a Fordson Tractor is employed. In the latter case (Old Windsor), five employees operate with an 18 cub. yard collection vehicle, and the refuse (from a population of approximately 5,000) is conveyed to a controlled tip in the Egham area, by arrangement with Egham U.D.C. Two of the collectors are also employed on Cesspool emptying work.

During the year the Council gave careful consideration to the adoption of Model Byelaws for the removal of house refuse, but finally resolved against such a course.

Until September 1958 no Trade Refuse collection scheme was in operation in the district. The Council then resolved to invite traders in the Parish of Old Windsor only (as a first step) to pay a prescribed annual charge for the collection of their trade waste. The response was disappointing, only a small percentage of Traders entering the scheme. Waste paper collection has not been resumed since the "slump" in 1956/57, efforts to find a profitable outlet having failed.

### SEWERAGE.

During 1958 the Council continued to encourage—by way of financial assistance (Improvement Grants and Section 37, PHA., 1936) the connecting up of properties more than 100 feet from the nearest sewer, some £313, was approved for this purpose during the year.

As stated on Page 62 of the Report for 1957 the District is now sewered throughout, apart from isolated and inaccessible cases (including some 47 dwellings on Ham Island, Old Windsor). Sewage from the Parishes of Sunningdale and Sunninghill gravitates to Blacknest on the eastern fringe of the District and is pumped from there,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles to Whitmore Bog (due west) in the Rural District of Easthampstead, where the Council's disposal works are situated.

At Old Windsor two Pumping Stations (automatic) are in operation—pumping the sewage from that Parish to the Windsor Borough works (by arrangement) on Ham Island.

In May of the year under review, and after a very lengthy preparation, a scheme for new treatment works at Blacknest was



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submitted to the Minister, and in December the Council were notified that a Public Enquiry would be held in January 1959. The new works would eliminate the  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles of pumping main, and replace the badly overloaded existing works at Whitmore Bog.

### DITCHES AND WATER COURSES.

Reference is made elsewhere in this Report to a survey of ditches and water courses undertaken in the Parish of Old Windsor. The general neglect of natural land drainage channels is apparent almost everywhere, and the results, aggravated by building development, are from time to time serious. Care of these natural facilities seems to be nobody's business, and while the responsibility is being sorted out, flooding occurs and continues, with consequent damage and inconvenience. Furthermore, the surcharging of sub-soil water increases the likelihood of infiltration into soil sewers, especially where these are old and the joints, to some extent perished. Parish, District and County Councils all have some Statutory responsibility in this matter, the neglect of which is not always fully compensated by "saving the rates."

Conferences on this subject at County level, took place during the year, from which, it is hoped, action will ensue.

### CARAVAN SITES.

The two licensed Caravan sites in this area continued to be well maintained throughout 1958, and when the annual licences were renewed the number of vans in each case was increased to 35 (Englemere Farm, Ascot) and 15 (Newton Side, Old Windsor). In addition to these, there are 6 individually licensed caravans.

As a result of an attempt to use land at Ascot as an unauthorised caravan site, the Council appealed to the Minister through the Local Planning Authority for an Article 4 Direction under the Town and Country Planning (G.D.O.) 1950, to be made on this, and other land in the vicinity, and the appeal was granted, the operative date being October 3rd, 1958. The effect of the Direction is to remove the normal 28 days exemption period.

### HOUSING GENERAL.

#### NEW HOUSING.

During 1958 29 permanent dwellings were erected by the Council (most of them during the first half of the year) and 65 by Private Enterprise, (during 1957 the figures were 135 and 116 respectively). At the end of the year only 10 houses were under construction by the Council. This slowing down of the building programme resulted from the continued high rate of interest on capital loans, the Council resolving in the early part of the year.

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that in view of the restrictive effect of high interest rates, no further action be initiated which would add to the slum clearance programme, and that the Minister be informed accordingly.

#### SLUM CLEARANCE.

Following on the remarks in the preceding paragraph—eight unfit dwellings were reported during the year, seven of the families being re-housed by the Council, and in addition 17 families were re-housed from temporary hutments. 51 temporary dwellings were demolished, thus clearing all hutted camp sites in the area.

#### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, ETC.

During 1958 approval was given to 15 applications involving a total £2,662. Applications continue to be almost exclusively from owner/occupiers, and in this district rented premises have benefitted scarcely at all.

The Council also made advances under the Housing (Financial Provision) Act 1958 totalling £31,340 to enable persons to buy their own homes, and in July, the Minister of Housing and Local Government approved the sale by the Council of land to a "Self Build Group" of local ratepayers, who plan to build their own houses by voluntary labour.

#### RODENT CONTROL.

A full time Rodent Operative (Mr. A. V. Thompson) appointed in 1952, is employed on rodent and pest control.

There are 3,742 premises in the District of which 120 were visited on complaint and 1,207 were surveyed for infestation. No major infestation of rats or mice were found.

During the year 10% of the manholes on the same sewers were baited but no "takes" were recorded.

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FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.  
PART VIII OF THE ACT.

## 1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	1	8	8	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	43	32	2	—
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	6	51	40	2	—

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of Cases in which Defects were found.				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted. (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Insp'tr. (5)	By H.M. Insp'tr. (6)	
Want of cleanliness ...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ... ..	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ... ..	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ... ..	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:				—	—	—
(a) Insufficient ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ... ..	10	1	1	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ... ..	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	1	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	60	2	1	—	1	—



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PART 8 OF THE ACT.  
OUTWORK ( SECTION 110 and 11 ).

Nature of Work	M.c. Line No.	No. of Out-workers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c)	No. of Cases of Default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing Apparel: Making, etc.	13	3	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	70	3	—	—	—	—	—

W. H. ROWSELL,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

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## STATISTICS.

Area (in acres) ... ..	40,828
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at 31st March, 1959 ... ..	12,923
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1959 ... ..	£608,978
Product of a Penny Rate ... ..	£2,500
Population (estimated mid-year) ... ..	45,570

### Live Births:

	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate ... ..	375	348	723
Illegitimate ... ..	17	6	23
Total ... ..	392	354	746

Live Birth Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population) ... 16.37

Live Birth Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population) ... 16.86

### Still Births:

M.	F.	Total.
7	7	14

Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births) ... 18.42

Total Live and Still Births ... 760

### Infant Deaths:

	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate ... ..	6	8	14
Illegitimate ... ..	0	0	0
Total ... ..	6		14

### Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births):

Legitimate ... ..	19.36
Illegitimate ... ..	0.00
Total ... ..	18.77

Neo Natal Death Rate (per 1,000 live births) ... 12.06

Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of Total Live Births ... 3.08

Maternal Deaths ... .. Nil.

Maternal Death Rate (per 1,000 live and Still births) ... Nil.

### Deaths (all causes):

M.	F.	Total.
182	220	402

Death Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population) ... 8.82

Death Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population) ... 9.61

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis).

Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Acute Poliomyelitis:							
(a) Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
(b) Non-Paralytic	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS (and ages).

Age Groups.				Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	...	...	...	-	-	1	-
5-14	„	...	...	1	1	1	-
15-24	„	...	...	2	1	-	1
25-44	„	...	...	5	4	-	1
45-64	„	...	...	3	-	-	-
65 and over	...	...	...	3	1	-	-
Totals	...	...	...	17	7	2	2

DEATH RATES (per 1,000 population).

Tuberculosis:	(a) Respiratory	...	...	...	...	0.06
	(b) Other Forms	...	...	...	...	0.00
	(c) All Forms	...	...	...	...	0.06
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	0.09
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis	...	...	...	...	...	0.00
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	0.48
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	0.00



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## IMMUNISATION.

The number of children who were immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis during the year is as follows:—

Diphtheria—Primary injections	...	...	...	493
Re-inforcing injections	...	...	...	75
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	353
Poliomyelitis (two injections)	...	...	...	6,551

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN WOKINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT, 1958.

Causes of Death.	Male.	Female.
All Causes.	182	220
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	2	1
2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease ... ..	—	—
4. Diphtheria ... ..	—	—
5. Whooping cough ... ..	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections ... ..	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis ... ..	—	—
8. Measles ... ..	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	1	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	3	10
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	13	4
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	2	7
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	—	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	17	25
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..	—	—
16. Diabetes ... ..	2	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	33	32
18. Coronary disease, angina ... ..	34	22
19. Hypertension with heart disease ... ..	3	7
20. Other heart disease ... ..	13	39
21. Other circulatory disease ... ..	9	6
22. Influenza ... ..	1	3
23. Pneumonia ... ..	11	11
24. Bronchitis ... ..	7	5
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ...	—	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..	1	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... ..	1	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	2	—
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	2	—
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..	—	—
31. Congenital malformations ... ..	1	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	15	24
33. Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	6	2
34. All other accidents ... ..	3	7
35. Suicide ... ..	—	4
36. Homicide and operations of war ... ..	—	—

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## REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

## WATER SUPPLY.

The amount of water supplied during the year was 481,988,000 gallons. This was greater than the previous year by about 34,000,000 gallons. Mileage of mains increased by 1.98 miles and is now 148.59 miles. New connections made to the mains were also more and numbered 641.

The year was again marked by the need for extensions to the distribution system to serve new development and by anxiety for the future capacity of the undertaking with the present sources of supply to cater for requirements in times of peak demand.

The Thames Valley Water Bill and the Mid-Wessex Water Bill are still in passage through Parliament and the final outcome as to the future of the Council's Water Undertaking is not yet decided.

The increasing demand and the continued development of the district have made it necessary to endeavour to find more water and work on the construction of a trial 24in. dia. borehole at Charvil was commenced in October. A depth below surface of 250ft. has been reached and, acting upon geological advice, it is intended to continue the boring to a depth of 325ft.

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Sewerage contracts have been put in hand during the year—

- (a) In the Parish of Shinfield for Shinfield Green and Whitley Wood Lane.
- (b) Parish of Winnersh—Drome Path and Melbourne Avenue.
- (c) Parish of Wokingham Without—Ellis Road and Oaklands Lane areas of Pinewood.
- (d) Parish of Woodley—Henley Wood Road and Warren Road.

The demolition of two disused disposal works at King Street Lane, Winnersh and Shinfield Rise, Shinfield, has been virtually completed.

A scheme of main drainage for Merryhill Green area of Winnersh has been submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for approval and a similar scheme for the remainder of the Parish of Shinfield not already being dealt with, is in course of preparation.



The continued development of the district, particularly in Woodley, has rendered more acute the difficulties being encountered in dealing with surface water. Messrs. Howard Humphreys & Sons, have therefore, been appointed the Council's Consultants to investigate and report on the necessary provisions which ought to be made for surface water sewerage and several interim reports have been received.

G. S. DANIELL,  
Chief Engineer.

## REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

### WET SCAVENGING.

#### (a) COLLECTION.

At the end of the year the number of vehicles in service remained at six. Main drainage has taken place in the urban parts of the area relatively close to the Council's cesspool emptying disposal sites. The majority of new properties being built where main drainage is not available are in the Parishes of Finchampstead and Wokingham Without—in some cases up to eight miles from a cesspool emptying disposal point. These two factors, together with the increase in the average size of the cesspools now being built have resulted in the total number of properties that can be dealt with by the fleet being decreased.

#### (b) DISPOSAL.

The heavy rainfall during the summer and autumn produced conditions at the sites worse than ever before. It has not been possible to rest and de-sludge lagoons at the sites and although tipping in certain bays has had to be discontinued, conditions have not allowed sludge to dry sufficiently for it to be removed. Pumping from bay to bay has had to be resorted to but the actual amount of sludge removed from the sites has been considerably less than in previous years.

An old pump well at the disused King Street Lane Sewage Works has been converted in to a reception tank for cesspool contents prior to putting in the sewers for treatment at the Marsh Farm Sewage Works. This is working satisfactorily and it is hoped will be the forerunner of other such disposal points. Notice to quit the site at Twyford, consequent upon housing development up to the boundaries of this cesspool emptying disposal site, has been received. An alternative for this site will have to be found before March 1960.

The amount of sewage tipped into the Wokingham Borough sewers has increased this summer in spite of an effort to reduce this. Because of the weather it has not been possible to use field sites to the same extent as in previous years. However, it must



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be stated that the disposal of crude sewage on land relatively near housing development should be a last resort, although the costs of such disposal are almost nil. Not only is main drainage the right and proper means of solving this problem I consider that any new proposals for main drainage in these parishes should include facilities for disposing of sewage from the cesspool emptiers.

The following table shows the disposal of sewage from cess-pools at the various sites in the rural district:—

Site.	Gallons.	
	1957/58.	1958/59.
Gipsy Lane ... ..	3,716,950	3,220,075
Colemansmoor ... ..	1,267,525	962,300
Winnersh Farm ... ..	1,364,750	1,513,225
Twyford ... ..	1,938,500	1,916,425
Wokingham Borough Sewers ...	1,608,500	1,527,075
Farley Hill ... ..	451,450	443,275
Fields ... ..	2,706,175	1,956,700
Wokingham Rural Sewers ...	—	696,475
	<hr/> 13,053,850 <hr/>	<hr/> 12,235,550 <hr/>

DRY SCAVENGING.

(a) COLLECTION.

The experimental collection from the back doors of properties in the routes carried out by one lorry mentioned in last year's report has continued throughout the year. Although the matter has been discussed on several occasions there has, as yet, been no increase in this service, the majority of the district being served by a "kerbside" collection. The number of domestic dwellings has increased rapidly and this has caused a certain amount of over-time on the routes serving the more urban parts of the area. Another S & D diesel engined 16/18 yard collecting vehicle was put into service during the year and the 1950 Moving Floor 22 yard vehicle is now used as a standby reserve lorry.

(b) DISPOSAL.

For the first time over a number of years conditions at the disposal tips became difficult. The heavy rainfall during the autumn made it impossible for the tips to be covered satisfactorily immediately after tipping. It was found necessary to delay covering until sections of the tip had been brought up to the required level. These were then covered with soil and if no vehicles traversed them conditions were reasonable, otherwise the whole of the area became covered with mud and tipping was either halted or considerably delayed. Following the first frosts it was possible to resume normal tipping methods. The disposal team

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includes one tipman, two Bedford lorries and drivers, one International Bulldozer and driver and one Crawler loading Shovel and driver. It would appear with covering soil reasonably handy that this disposal team should be capable of handling all the refuse from the area for many years to come notwithstanding the obvious increase in the number of properties that will be bound to occur.

It has been possible, in spite of the weather during the year, to complete the drainage of the old Ham River gravel pits at Woodley. The final outlet ditch is over 16ft. deep and 30ft. wide and has for the most part been made through silt. Further ditches will have to be dug but the future of the site is now assured as no tipping will have to take place in water.

The approximate amounts of refuse disposed of during the year are shown below together with the previous year's figures.

Site.	Approximate Cub. Yds. on Lorries.	
	1957/59	1958/59
Watmore Lane Depot ... ..	239	279
Twyford ... ..	5,376	54
Woodley Aerodrome Site ... ..	31,383	43,844
Ham River Site ... ..	12,246	14,699
Other sites ... ..	6,563	1,537
Hyde End Road Site ... ..	—	2,804
Total ... ..	55,807	63,217

(c) **Salvage Disposal.**

Conditions for the disposal of salvage have again been most difficult and the prices obtainable most disappointing. The Council have decided, in view of these two factors, to cease the collection and disposal of salvage and the scheme is now being wound down. During the year none of the inferior grades of iron could be disposed of. The total amount of salvage sold was 137 tons compared with 255 tons in the previous year, the value being £1,028 compared with £1,886 for the previous year.

**SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS.**

## LISTS OF VISITS MADE.

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

Inspections ... ..	133
Re-inspections ... ..	204
Moveable Dwellings ... ..	911
Drainage ... ..	747
Verminous Houses Inspected ... ..	9
Disinfestations ... ..	9
Schools ... ..	26
Licensed Houses ... ..	72



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Nursing Homes	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Pig Sties	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	162
Infectious Disease Disinfections	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
WATER SUPPLY.							
Water Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
HOUSING ACT.							
Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	161
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	364
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
RENT ACT.							
Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
FOOD PREMISES.							
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Bakers' and Confectioners' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Canteens and Catering Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	153
Confectioners (sweets)	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Grocers & General Provision Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Hotels and Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Stalls and other Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	251
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
DISEASES OF ANIMALS—WASTE FOOD ORDER.							
Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
FACTORIES ACT.							
With Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	92
Without Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
NOTICES.							
No. of informal notices served during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	184
No. of informal notices outstanding from 1958	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
No. of informal notices complied with during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	192
No. of informal notices outstanding at the end of year	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
No. of formal notices served during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
No. of formal notices outstanding at the end of the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Work carried out by the local authority in default	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.



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## HOUSING.

## COUNCIL HOUSES—BUILDING PROGRESS.

Position at 31st December, 1958.

	Pre- 1939.	Built 1944.	Com- pleted Post- war.	Under Con- struc- tion.	Approv- ed.	TOTAL
Arborfield ... ..	38	2	42	—	—	82
Barkham ... ..	8	—	14	—	—	22
Earley ... ..	4	—	49	—	—	53
Finchampstead ...	25	—	42	—	—	67
Hurst ... ..	22	—	26	—	—	48
Remenham ... ..	—	—	8	—	—	8
Ruscombe ... ..	32	—	77	—	—	109
Shinfield ... ..	56	—	246	—	—	302
Sonning ... ..	34	—	16	—	—	50
Swallowfield ... ..	40	2	19	—	—	61
Twyford ... ..	36	—	64	—	—	100
Wargrave ... ..	46	—	116	—	—	162
Winnersh ... ..	18	—	40	—	—	58
Wokingham W. ...	15	2	73	—	—	90
Woodley ... ..	26	2	227	100	90	445
	400	8	1,059	100	90	1,657

## PRIVATE HOUSING STATISTICS.

The Council's Surveyor, Mr. G. R. Tween, A.R.I.C.S., reports that:—

Total number of plans submitted for consideration during the year ... ..	1,321
Number of plans rejected under the Public Health Act, 1936, and Town and Country Planning Act, 1947	179
Number of houses completed by private enterprise ...	675

## HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	295
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## SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME.

The following table shows the progress under the Housing Act since the Government's Five Year Programme commenced.

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Parish	Properties originally on list.	Properties added to list.	Properties dealt with.	Properties made fit informally or taken off list.	Properties remaining Jan. 1959.
Arborfield ... ..	20	1	11	1	9
Barkham ... ..	16	7	8	6	9
Earley ... ..	8	2	4	—	6
Finchampstead ...	39	1	3	—	37
Hurst ... ..	32	10	18	11	13
Ruscombe ... ..	31	—	16	14	1
Remenham ... ..	9	—	5	3	1
Shinfield ... ..	15	3	5	5	8
Sonning ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Swallowfield ...	52	2	12	5	37
Twyford ... ..	34	7	24	14	3
Wargrave ... ..	20	7	13	—	14
Winnersh ... ..	23	2	5	1	19
Wok. Without ...	43	14	16	—	41
Woodley ... ..	19	12	29	2	—
	361	68	169	62	198

Properties not included in above list where action commenced prior to Dec., 1954 ... ..	25
	386

It will be seen that efforts have been made to clear sub- standard properties in and adjoining those parishes where the Council have developed estates. By far the biggest problem is the proper- ties, built of short lived materials, in the parishes of Wokingham Without and Finchampstead. Many of these are owner/occupied, some are being sold and improved or re-developed.

Swallowfield is another parish where action is necessary, but the majority of tenants of sub-standard houses do not wish to leave the locality and be re-housed elsewhere.

RENT ACT, 1957.

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair received ... ..	25
Decisions to issue Certificates ... ..	24
Undertakings given subsequently by landlords ... ..	14

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Undertakings not accepted by Council	...	...	...	1
Certificates of Disrepair issued	...	...	...	1d

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

There are no caravan sites owned by the District Council in this area.

The following table shows the position in this district with respect to Licensed Sites and individual vans.

Parish.	No. of Sites.	No. of on Sites.	No. of Individual Caravans.	Total No. of Caravans.
Arborfield ...	—	—	5	5
Barkham ...	—	—	6	6
Earley ...	—	—	7	7
Finehampstead	4	91	26	117
Hurst ...	—	—	4	4
Remenham ...	—	—	1	1
Ruscombe ...	—	—	3	3
Shinfield ...	5*	65*	11	76*
Sonning ...	—	—	3	3
Swallowfield ...	1	30	4	34
Twyford ...	—	—	7	7
Wargrave ...	—	—	15	15
Winnersh ...	2	38	15	53
Wokingham W.	—	—	21	21
Woodley ...	1	6	29	35
	13	230	157	387

\* A site at Shinfield for 32 vans has been included in this total as there is a Public Health Licence at present in force, although planning permission has not been granted in this case.

The work entailed in dealing with the supervision and licensing procedure of caravans continues to grow, and there is no evidence of any diminution of the demand for this form of dwelling.

It has been found that there has been a steady infiltration of caravans into the district from other areas, which has necessitated legal action to enforce the removal of some caravans from unsatisfactory sites.

## RODENT CONTROL.

No. of complaints received	...	...	...	...	238
No. of premises visited and surveys carried out	...	...	...	...	2,202
No. of premises found infested	...	...	...	...	559
No. of re-inspections carried out	...	...	...	...	1,842
Total					4,841



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**Treated by Local Authority.**

No. of private dwellings found infested and treated	...	449
No. of business premises found infested and treated	...	20
No. of Local Authority properties found infested and treated		5
No. of Agricultural properties found infested and treated	...	50
	Total	524
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No. of infested premises where advice has been given to the occupiers and treatment carried out other than by Local Authority staff	... ..	35

Subsequent upon the action of the Berkshire Agricultural Executive Committee to wind down their contract service for Rodent Control at farms, a number of these contracts have been taken over by the Joint Rodent Control Committee of the Wokingham Borough and Rural District. It has also been decided that as from 1st April, 1959, each of the constituent authorities of the Joint Committee will administer their own rodent control service.

**FOOD HYGIENE.**

The Public Health Inspectors have continued their efforts during the past year to impress upon all food handlers the necessity for continued vigilance and care in the observation of the principles of hygiene.

During the year many shops have installed or increased their refrigeration counters and cabinets improving storage and preservation. There has been a steady improvement of equipment but on several occasions it has been necessary to call attention to the inadequacy of dustbins and the method by which refuse from these premises is dealt with. The district contains a fairly high proportion of general shops and the growing tendency to use pre-packed vegetables in these shops is noted with satisfaction.

The remarks in the Annual Report for last year with regard to main drainage and food hygiene still apply.

An entirely new kitchen block and dining hall has been constructed at one school which has transformed what was once an inadequate canteen into the best equipped in the area.

Stallholders in general have maintained the requisite standard and this was particularly evident during the Henley Regatta week when, notwithstanding atrocious weather conditions, every effort was made to comply fully with the Regulations.

It has not been found necessary to institute any legal proceedings under the Food Hygiene Regulations.

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## ICE CREAM.

No. of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and and Drugs Act, 1955 for the sale of Ice Cream	...	80
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## DAIRIES.

No. of Dairies registered	...	5
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## UN SOUND FOOD.

## MEAT condemned at Slaughterhouses.

3 Pigs Heads	...	28½ lbs.
Legs of Pork and Hindquarters	...	194 lbs.

## Condemned at Butchers' Shops.

Beef—English—Hindquarters	...	117 lbs.
Beef—Argentine—Chilled	...	68 lbs.
Pork—Salted	...	36 lbs.
Livers—Pigs—Irish	...	103 lbs.
Livers—Lambs—Imported	...	20 lbs.

## CANNED FOOD.

Pork	...	2 tins.
Corned Beef (6lb. tins)	...	3 tins.
Ham (12lb. tins)	...	2 tins.
Damsons	...	12 tins.

## OTHER FOODSTUFFS.

Marmalade (1lb. jars)	...	127 jars.
Potatoes (Jersey)	...	5 cwts.
Pork Pies	...	2

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

No. of visits to slaughterhouses	...	251
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## ANIMALS INSPECTED.

Pigs	...	941
Sheep	...	167
Calves	...	42

Certification of Pigs under Ministry of Food and Fat Stock Guarantee Scheme at Deadweight Centres Nos. 8661 and 8662	...	780
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## MILK SAMPLES.

No. of samples of Milk submitted for examination	...	20
No. of samples of Milk from retailers satisfying the Methylene Blue Test	... ..	8
No. of samples from Retailers satisfying the Phosphatase Test	... ..	8
No. of samples from Retailers failing the Methylene Blue Test	... ..	Nil.
No. of samples from Retailers failing the Phosphatase Test	... ..	Nil.
No. of samples of School Milk satisfying the Methylene Blue Test	... ..	10
No. of samples of School Milk satisfying the Phosphatase Test	... ..	12
No. of samples of School Milk failing the Methylene Blue Test	... ..	2
No. of samples of School Milk failing the Phosphatase Test	... ..	Nil.



CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART.

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	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	Nil.	Nil.	19	79	314	Nil.
Number Inspected	Nil.	Nil.	19	79	314	Nil.
<b>All Diseases Except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</b>						
Whole carcases condemned	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	6	Nil.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
<b>Tuberculosis Only</b>						
Whole carcase condemned	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	3	Nil.
Percentage of the number inspected affected with TB.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	.96	Nil.
<b>Cysticercosis</b>						
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

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## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 &amp; 1948.

## PART VIII OF THE ACT.

## 1. INSPECTIONS MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	1	10	15	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	78	92	—	—
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	3	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	6	88	107	—	—

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of Cases in which Defects were found.				Number of Cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted. (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Insp'tr. (5)	By H.M. Insp'tr. (6)	
Want of cleanliness ...	4	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ... ..	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ... ..	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ... ..	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:						
(a) Insufficient ...	9	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ... ..	10	5	5	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ... ..	11	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..	60	5	5	—	—	—

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PART 8 OF THE ACT.  
OUTWORK ( SECTION 110 and 11 ).

Nature of Work	M.c. Line No.	No. of Out- workers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c)	No. of Cases of Default in sending Lists to the Council.	No. of Prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises.	Not- ices Ser- ved.	Pro- secu- tions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing Apparel: Making, etc.	13	14	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	70	14	-	-	-	-	-

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